Speaker: Chris Royalty // Sunday: September 25, 2022

- 1) Begin your time by briefly praying and asking the Holy Spirit to help you as you discuss and study.
- 2) Read Mark 2:1-12 together.
- 3) What stuck out to you as you read? Is there anything you don't understand? Is there anything you'd like to discuss?
- 4) Was Jesus' teaching more profitable than His healing ministry? Why or why not? Is the gospel still more valuable than health and wealth?
- 5) How is faith in God's ability to do something through us related to our tenacious persistence in getting it done?
- 6) When you see someone who is crippled, starving, deformed, or poor, do you also think the person really needs salvation?
- 7) Can a Christian pronounce that another person's sins are forgiven? (See Matt 16:19.) How would that be different from what Jesus did here?
- 8) What does Jesus' title "Son of Man" say about His purpose in His first and second coming?
- 9) Why did the people of Jesus' day accept the healing of the paralytic as evidence that Jesus had forgiven his sins? Today, what serves as evidence of forgiveness?
- 10) End your time in prayer. Ask God to help you apply the things you've discussed and learned during this time of study.

Some of these questions take from / adapted from: Daniel L. Akin, <u>Exalting Jesus in Mark</u>, ed. Daniel L. Akin, David Platt, and Tony Merida, Christ-Centered Exposition Commentary (Nashville, TN: Holman Reference, 2014), Mk 2:1–12.