



## "Through the Roof"

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**INTRODUCTION:** Jeremiah kicked off the new sermon series, My Favorite Story, this weekend in Mark chapter 2 with the story of the Paralytic whose friends lowered him through the roof to get him to Jesus. They displayed incredible love and compassion for their friend and we should do the same. The big idea this weekend is that, "God wants us to have a through the roof mindset about reaching our friends."

**WARMING UP:** Everyone has someone (or multiple people) who were instrumental in guiding them toward faith in Jesus. Take 1-2 minutes each to share about that someone and how God used them to guide you toward faith in Jesus.

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Read Mark 2:1-12. Why was the crowd so thick in and around the house? What were they drawn to and why?
2. Why do you think Mark mentions these subtle details about the crowd?
3. How can you relate with the motivations of this crowd? Can you identify any ways in which we as a church can be like this crowd?
4. What differences can you see between the crowd and the friends of the paralytic?
5. The friends in this story had a through the roof mindset about getting their crippled buddy to Jesus. What are some ways you can adopt their mindset in your life?
6. Read Mark 2:5. What jumps out to you from this verse?
7. Why do you think Mark records that, "Jesus saw their faith?" What are the implications of this for us today?<sup>1</sup> How is your faith evident in your heart for reaching the unchurched in the SRV?
8. Jeremiah challenged us to Make Room, Bring Friends, and understand what it means to Be Forgiven. How can you start practicing these next steps in reaching the unchurched today?

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** Jeremiah challenged us to "be prayerful" for those that we know and love that don't know Jesus. Take a moment to pray specifically for someone that God has put on your heart that you know is unchurched or has walked away from the church and ask God to bring them to faith!

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<sup>1</sup> I do not believe that someone can have faith that saves another person. That's theologically inconsistent with all of scripture. Plus, we read in Mark 2:8 where Jesus knows what the teachers of the law are thinking even though they haven't said a word. This affirms the fact that Jesus knows what faith is present in the paralytic before He willingly forgives his sins.