



Every person matters to God—every single 1! In this short series we are going to consider the value of every 1, the truth that any 1 can be saved, and the importance of some 1 sharing their faith so that their 1 meets the One and Only!

These questions are designed to extend the impact of the weekend message. Use them to go deeper in your personal study time, with your family and/or with a group.

1 EVERY “1” needs friends who believe in Jesus.

Read Mark 2:1-12. Believing in Jesus meant doing what no one else would do. Everybody was there, except a “nobody” who couldn’t possibly get in. But, these believing friends made sure this paralyzed man got in to see Jesus. As Rick pointed out they got him in to see Jesus “because when Jesus is in the house, stuff happens.” Name of few attitudes (ex. indifference) that sometimes “shut out” those who need to get to Jesus? What kind of heart will it take for you personally to get people to Jesus?

2 NO “1” is blessed by a dormant faith. It would be so easy to say to the paralyzed man “Sorry, we feel for you, but there is nothing we can do.” Rick said, “Imagine what the homeowner thought when he saw the skylight he never ordered getting installed.” Faith risks being misunderstood; faith accepts criticism; faith incurs expense; faith takes chances. Describe some differences between a “living” faith as opposed to a “dead” faith. How can we recognize it when we slip toward a dead faith? What can we do to embolden our faith again?

3 ANYONE can receive the greatest miracle of all. “Son your sins are forgiven.” It is not what was expected. “WHAT???” they said, who can forgive sins but God alone.” They were right in their statement but wrong about who Jesus was. Many people miss the real miracle because they cannot fathom Jesus

being anyone different than a mere man. But, as Rick said, “Jesus knew that the paralyzed man’s greatest felt need was not the greatest miracle he needed.” Jesus told him the real truth. This is what true friends do. Contrast physical ailments with spiritual ones. “Why is it easier to talk about and even minister to physical needs than spiritual needs?” Why are spiritual ailments more deadly?

4 READ Acts 10:38. Jesus went about doing good and healing because that is what God does. He showed His power over sickness and hurt through miraculous healing including the healing of this paralyzed man. **READ Galatians 3:13.** He also showed that every “1” can be free from the curse of sin. He did so by becoming the curse Himself. He can help any “1” stand again, forgiven and clean in the sight of God. The greatest miracle is eternal salvation. “What are some crazy, through the roof ways we might try to help people get to Jesus?”

5 Rick said it best: **“SOME 1 needs you to actively believe for them.”** Continue in silent prayer for a moment about someone you need to believe for. Say a prayer together for courage to bring your 1 to Jesus.

