

Unstoppable Power Discussion Guide
Unstoppable Power to Forgive - Lesson 2
(July 21, 2024)

This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Describe a situation when a friend generously helped you.

Dive Deeper:

1. Read Mark 2:1-12. Discuss the actions of the paralytic's friends. What motivated them to go to so much trouble for their friend? What were these men hoping and believing for? What have you done to help a friend find God's forgiveness?
2. How does the above passage emphasize Jesus' compassion? What is Jesus' ultimate mission, and what is mankind's greatest need? Why is this need greater than any other needs that we might have?
3. How did the religious leaders react to Jesus forgiving the paralytic's sins? According to verse 7, why do you think the religious leaders reacted this way?
4. How did Jesus demonstrate his power in verse 8? How did Jesus prove that he had the authority and power to forgive sin in verses 9-12? Who did Jesus prove he was when he forgave the sins of the paralytic?
5. According to 1 John 1:9, what must we do to receive forgiveness? Read Psalm 103:11-12. Upon our forgiveness, what does God do with our sin? If this scripture is true, why do we sometimes choose to hang on to the guilt or shame caused by our sin? Who rejoices when we agonize over our guilt, and who is crushed? How does this encourage you to trust God all the more with your forgiven sin?
6. List the powerful benefits of forgiveness as mentioned in Proverbs 17:9, 28:13, Romans 5:1-2 and 6-11. Discuss other spiritual, relational, emotional, or physical benefits resulting from receiving God's forgiveness and extending forgiveness.

Encouragement: As the Son of Man, Jesus can relate to our struggles. As the Son of God, Jesus has the power to forgive us of our sins and remember them no more.

Application: How will you apply Sunday's message and this discussion to your life?