

**Bible Readings:**

Exodus 20:1-17 & Mark 2:1-12

**Singing:**

200:1, 2 – 140:1 – 87:1-3 – 103:2, 4 – 306:1, 3, 4

**Jesus is the only One Who can handle your greatest needs!**

1. You all have needs
2. You all have one greatest need
3. Only Jesus can and is willing to serve you in your greatest need

**I. You have needs**

A. Jesus is on the move: Mark. 2:1-2

1. Jesus is getting famous (Mark 1:27-28)
2. Jesus' main work is to preach the Word (vs. 2)
3. Four friends bring a very needy man to the house (vs. 4)

B. Picture yourself in this story: *you have needs as well!*

**II. You all have one need that is your greatest need**

A. Jesus makes this crystal clear by His actions (vs. 5)

1. Before He restores the broken body, He restores a broken friendship
2. What is His message in His order?

B. Are you in this story?

1. Are you looking for a *short-term fix* while forgetting *long-term needs*?
2. Are you a prisoner of your bad memories?

C. What is God's message to you in this Gospel story?

**III. Do you wonder how you can be sure all this is true for you?**

A. Jesus knows your questions (6-8) and acted to answer them (8-11)

B. The good news that He is able is not all of the good news in Jesus' story!

1. He is able
2. He is willing
3. He is God



BEFORE YOU LISTEN ...

1. We all have needs. What are three things you think you need most?

2. Let's say you have a big problem. What is the first thing you would do about?

3. You will hear about 'faith'. Try to write two different words that explain faith.

#### **WHILE YOU LISTEN**

4. In what way are we like that man on the bed in this story?

5. According to Jesus, what is your greatest need?

6. Why did Jesus first forgive the man's sins and then heal him?

7. How are your sins done against God like being in prison?

8. What did Jesus teach us about how to be freed from our sins?

#### **AFTER YOU HAVE LISTENED ...**

9. Take the time to bow before God in your prayer. Ask Him to help to see your sins. But also help Him to openly confess them to Him. Pray He will help you to trust His promises about forgiveness.

10. Perhaps you can share what you learned about your greatest needs with others. For it also other people's greatest need. One way to start a conversation is to ask them, "What do you think is your greatest need?" Pray ahead of time that you will be able to answer them well if they say that they don't know or have the wrong answer.