Transformation – Generous Forgiveness 180 Church - Pt 5 Pastor Harlyn – 2.5.2023 Mark 2:1-12

Mark 2:1-12 "And when He returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that He was at home. ² And many were gathered together, so that there was no more room, not even at the door. And He was preaching the word to them. ³ And they came, bringing to Him a paralytic carried by four men. ⁴ And when they could not get near Him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above Him, and when they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ And when Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, ⁷ "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ And immediately Jesus, perceiving in His spirit that they thus questioned within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic— ¹¹ "I say to you, rise, pick up your bed, and go home." ¹² And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

3 Different Groups of People:

1. ______ of the paralytic. 2. ______ of the story - then & now. 3. _____ of the people. There is nothing more important in our lives than having a _____ with our Creator – Jesus. "______ is the poison you drink hoping the other person is going to drop dead." How do you forgive? You can never forgive someone if you feel _____ to them Luke 7:48 (Jesus) "And He said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." Mark 2:7 "Why does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"

Will you say ______ to the forgiveness of Jesus?

LOOK IN:

- 1. Have you ever had a conversation with God where you wondered if God actually saw you because of the needs you presented to Him?
- 2. Do you feel superior to others? Do you have one person in particular who you compare yourself to or feel superior to?
- 3. What bitterness are you holding on to? Can you think of a time you were wronged and felt justified in holding on to the offense? What did that do to you, or what is it doing to you?
- 4. What are you trying to prove in order to feel accepted and loved?
- 5. We learned from the message that Jesus addresses each person with, "I'm going to give you what you don't know you want, but it's everything you're looking for." What do you think you want or need and what do you think it is God wants to give you?