

Mark 2:1-12

God Rewards Our Work = G.R.O.W.

In the first chapter of Mark's Gospel, Jesus had been performing miracles and changing people's lives. Everyone who was affected by His touch was telling others about Jesus.

OUR PART:

1) We tell them. (2:1)

- People only heard, because changed people told.
- When we see Jesus changing people's lives, we will be excited and we will tell others.
- When they came, he preached the word to them. Jesus' primary message was this:

Mark 1:14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. ¹⁵ "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"

- When they come, we will preach the word to them and they will be changed.

2) We bring them. (2:3-4)

- We should love people enough to bring them to Jesus.
- We should be creative in bringing people to Jesus (*carried by four of them*).

- We should be willing to overcome all obstacles that may hinder us from bringing them (***they made an opening in the roof above Jesus***).
 - What hinders you?
 - A lack of love?
 - Lack of knowledge?
 - Lack of boldness?
 - Lack of creativity?

3) God Rewards Our Work and we G.R.O.W. (2:5)

⁵ *When Jesus saw **their** faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."*

- When Jesus saw their faith – he forgave the sins of the man that they brought.
 - This passage is an example of the fact that God sometimes works in the lives of others because of our faith.
 - God will Reward Our Work.
- Jesus knew exactly what his need was.
 - First he forgave his sin.
 - Second he healed the man's physical need. Jesus saw to the need that was the most important first.

4) Jesus uses the physical healing as a means to cause others to believe. (2:6-12)

- Jesus never loses sight of his purpose.
- We must never lose sight of our purpose.

WHO IS NOT HERE WITH YOU TODAY?