

Equipping Faithful Ministers

Lesson 6 — Student Guide

Prepare for class: Read Mark 2:1-12

Lesson Goal

The goal of this lesson is to answer the following question: **What does faithful ministry look like?**

Think

Evaluate

1. Who are the characters in this story?
2. What are the objects in this story?
3. Where did this story happen?
4. When did this story happen?
5. What is the problem?
6. What events occurred in this story?
7. Is the problem solved?

Learn

8. What is the main theme of this lesson?
9. What sin does this lesson teach us to confess?
10. Where do you see the love of God in this lesson?
11. What does God teach us to do in this lesson?

Lead

12. What would be a good situation in which to share this message?

Discussion

13. What made the four men faithful ministers?
14. Why must every ministry keep Christ at the center?
15. How can we prepare people to serve like the four men?
16. What should we do when ministry becomes difficult?
17. How can we know if a ministry is being faithful?

Lesson wrap-up

What does faithful ministry look like?

Final Project Checkpoint

Review the ministry opportunity you identified for each person and consider what would help that person serve faithfully and with Christ at the center.

- What does this person need to understand about the purpose of this ministry?
- How can this ministry care for people and point them to Christ?
- What attitudes or qualities will help this person serve faithfully?
- What challenges might they face?
- What encouragement or preparation could help them remain focused on Christ and his Gospel?

Add these ideas to Step 4: Encouragement Strategy of your Final Project.

Remember: The goal is not simply to prepare someone to complete a task. We want to help people faithfully serve Christ and his people.