

The One Who Forgives Sin Mark 2:1-13

Jesus has the authority and desire to forgive sins. Mark 2:5, 7

- Who can forgive sins? God alone. Isaiah 43:25
- Jesus' ability to heal helps prove this. Mark 2:10-11
- Jesus' role as the Son of Man is the ultimate proof of His deity. Daniel 7:13-14; Mark 14:62

Faith doesn't guarantee healing, but faith and healing are intimately connected.

Mark 2:5a - "seeing *their* faith"

- Persistent faith is a theme in Mark
 - Mark 5:23, 36 - Synagogue leader with a dying daughter.
 - Mark 5:25-34 - Bleeding woman.
 - Mark 7:24-30 - Gentile woman willing to eat crumbs from his table.
 - Mark 7:32; 8:22; 9:24 - Imploring God.
 - Mark 10:46-52 - Blind Bartimaeus who repeatedly cries out.
 - Mark 6:5 - Jesus "could do no miracle there (Nazareth)" because of their unbelief.
 - Luke 18:1-8 - Parable of the Persistent Widow.
 - Isaiah 62:1 - I will not keep silent.
- What would you do to see a friend healed? What would you do to see a friend forgiven?

Jesus gives us what we need, not only what we want. Mark 2:9-11

- He came for healing and he receives forgiveness. We learn what matters most through Jesus' actions here.
- We must be willing to submit to the authority of Jesus as the one who knows what we need even we don't know it yet.

Communion

God's plan for the forgiveness of sin came ultimately through the work of Jesus on the cross. We remember Him giving His body and shedding His blood for us through the taking of the bread and the cup.

LifeGroup Discussion:

1. Share a story of when you have wanted something, prayed for it and God gave you something different that you needed more.
2. Read through Mark 10:46-52 and Luke 18:1-8. What do you think is the role of persistent faith in our prayer lives?
3. What have you learned in this series so far about the authority of Jesus? How should we act in light of His authority and the authority He gives us?

Next Steps:

PRAY THE CHOW & 10:02 PRAYERS. Ask the Holy Spirit for CHOW – **C**ourage, **H**eart, **O**pportunities and **W**ords to Say when sharing your faith. Just as Jesus commanded His disciples to pray in Luke 10:2, ask God at 10:02am every day, to send workers for the harvest of becoming followers of Jesus.

COME TO THE PRAYER POINTS after the service to pray with a Prayer Point Volunteer or Church Leader about forgiveness of sin.

FIND WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN THE MISSION OF THE GOSPEL. Join us for any of the Reach Week events listed below, and learn more at calvarylife.org/reachweek

- **SATURDAY, MARCH 10**
 - **Short-Term Trip Dessert** | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall - Tickets required, available in Lobby
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 11**
 - **Worship Services** | 9:00 + 11:00 am | Worship Center - Speaker: John Rinehart, Founder of Gospel Patrons
 - **Servicio Devocional** | 11:00 am | Samsvick Chapel
 - **Story Night** | 6:00 pm | Worship Center - "Around the World in Eighty Minutes" with Calvary Missionaries
- **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14**
 - **Monthly Dinner Global Edition** | 6:00 pm | Field
 - **Global Family Fun Night** | 7:00 pm | Fellowship Hall
 - **Student Ministries Missions Events** | 7:00 pm | Underground
- **THURSDAY, MARCH 15**
 - **Women With a Mission Brunch** | 9:00 am | Fireside
 - **Thursday Night Worship Global Edition** | 7:30 pm | Underground
 - **College Reach Event** | 9:00 pm | Underground
- **FRIDAY, MARCH 16**
 - **Good News Tour:** Rend Collective Concert | 7:00 pm | Worship Center
Tickets Required. Available at our Bookstore or calvarylife.org/concert
- **SATURDAY, MARCH 17**
 - **Reach Global Dinner** | 6:00 pm | Fellowship Hall - Tickets required, available in Lobby
Speaker: Pastor Berti Dosti - Albania Sister Church update
- **SUNDAY, MARCH 18**
 - **Worship Services** | 9:00 + 11:00 am | Worship Center - Speaker: Michele Rickett, Founder of She is Safe
 - **Servicio Devocional** | 11:00 am | Samsvick Chapel