

Series: The Kingdom Is Here
Passage: Mark 2:1-17
Speaker: Pastor Jon

THE LIFE CHALLENGE

CONNECT

Share about a time you experienced a life threatening situation?
What happened? Did anyone need to rescue or save you?
OR Share a story about the last ticket you received (if you dare).



IDENTITY

At times it can seem like following Jesus is a very narrow way. On either side is a ditch. One side is the struggle that we can't measure up and we beat ourselves up for being unspiritual failures. On the other, we grow proud of our "spiritual achievements", become exclusive and judgmental of others.

Which side do you struggle with more and why?
If you take a moment to listen, what is the invitation of Jesus for you in this?

EXAMEN

On Sunday, Pastor Jon talked about how we may relate with different characters in the stories. Out of the four he mentioned, which one(s) do you relate to most in this season? Why?

Paralytic = paralyzed – you need help
Friends = laying those we love before Him
Follower = vocally grateful, inviting others
Critics = too settled, with a growing disdain

PRACTICE

Our salvation is a radical reorientation! And admitting we need Jesus in our everyday lives requires humility (read Rev 3:17-19). What is a spiritual practice you would like to step into more this week to encourage you to press into Jesus?

Examples of spiritual practices: prayer, sabbath, silence, simplicity, fasting, celebration, hospitality... the list goes on.

PRAY TOGETHER

We want to take time to listen to and pray for each other. If you are willing, please *briefly* share a need **or** praise item that your group could pray for. **Then pray!** (*the idea is to spend more time praying than talking*)