

# CrossWalk **notes**

## Higher Calling

### Called to Faith

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A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. <sup>2</sup>They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. **Mark 2:1-2, NIV**

Some people were \_\_\_\_\_ about Jesus.

Jesus wanted to \_\_\_\_\_ God's Word to them.

<sup>3</sup>Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. <sup>4</sup>Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. **Mark 2:3-4, NIV**

Others in the crowd were \_\_\_\_\_ for help.

They went to Jesus in search of a \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." **Mark 2:5, NIV**

What was the paralyzed man's biggest problem? \_\_\_\_\_

We say, "Jesus, give me \_\_\_\_\_ and I will be happy."

Jesus calls us . . . \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>6</sup>Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves,<sup>7</sup>"Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" **Mark 2:6-7, NIV**

The "lawyers" correctly observed that sin needs to be \_\_\_\_\_ before it is forgiven.

Our sin is ultimately directed at \_\_\_\_\_.

<sup>8</sup>Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things?" <sup>9</sup>Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? **Mark 2:8-9, NIV**

**Jesus: "I am not just a miracle worker. I am a Savior.**

**Do you understand the immensity of that task?"**

<sup>10</sup>But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man,<sup>11</sup>"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home."<sup>12</sup>He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!" **Mark 2:10-12, NIV**

Jesus has the power to \_\_\_\_\_ sins.

His "Higher Calling" is for me to embrace him and his forgiveness as the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives.

## MEMORY VERSE

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." **Mark 2:5, NIV**

**My next step:** Jesus forgives my sin. I will embrace this truth and let it be the center and guiding truth in my life.

What's your next step?

Mark it on your communication card.