

# SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

“POT3NTIAL”

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We need volunteers! If you or anyone in your group has a passion for getting people plugged into a small group, please email Danah Davis at [danah.davis@therocksandiego.org](mailto:danah.davis@therocksandiego.org) or call 619.764.5120 to discuss opportunities to help serve in the Small Group Office.
- Don't forget to fill out your Small Group Manager reports this week!!! (If you have trouble accessing Small Group Manager please contact Eric Lopez in our IT Dept at [eric.lopez@therocksandiego.org](mailto:eric.lopez@therocksandiego.org))
- Small Group leaders, are you encouraging your group members to join the Rock Army? Your group can catch the vision of becoming a part of a movement that encourages people to become World-Class Christians. To join, check out the ARMY requirements at [www.therocksandiego.org/army/](http://www.therocksandiego.org/army/)

## MINISTRY PRAYER REQUESTS

*Please pray for our ministry! Pray for the small group staff, small group coaches, small group leaders, small group volunteers, small group members and those looking to get plugged into a small group. Please pray also for our IT & Web Design departments as they work diligently to help us be more effective in reaching the lost and serve one another through the use of technology.*

## MEMORY VERSE

“When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” Mark 2:5

## SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS – “THE FINE LINE”

### *Getting Started*

We've all been faced with circumstances or people that have left us feeling hurt, victimized, burned, scarred, frightened, discouraged, and/or frustrated. Describe a recent time when you may have experienced any of the above emotions. How did you move on from the experience and what did you learn (if anything)?

When you're going through a hard time, who do you call or depend on? Who would you go to in times of crises?

### *Digging Deeper:*

1. Hopefully you all were able to transparently share a time or two when you may have been hurt or frustrated, as well as who you are able to depend on when you're going through something hard. The story we are about to dive into is about authentic community and how it plays an important part in our lives. Read Mark 2:1-12. Describe how it may have been for someone who would have been sick, blind, or even paralyzed during this time period. Why would this be an important aspect of the story?
2. The paralyzed man had nothing going for him except these four random friends. Are you more likely to carry someone else's mat for them or to allow someone else to help carry yours? In other words, is it more natural for you to help others or do you tend to allow others to help you?
3. The mat the paralyzed man laid on everyday of his life would have been his whole world, and can represent all the hurt, abandonment, frustration, and discouragement he would have felt within his circumstance. What would you say is your "mat" in life? What are your major issues?
4. One of the most significant parts of this account is found in verse 5 (memory verse). When Jesus saw the faith of the other four men, Jesus forgave the paralyzed man of his sins. What does this tell you about Jesus? (Hint: why do you think Jesus focused on sin first versus the man's physical condition?)
5. Whose faith has had a deep impact on your life? How? Spend a few moments thanking Jesus for the "roof crashers" of your life.

### ***Bringing it Home***

Take some time where you don't discuss and just reflect on this last question: Think of the closest two or three relationships in your life right now. For each relationship, ask yourself, "Is this relationship moving me closer to God, or farther away? And how so? Is it helping me to grow spiritually or is it producing habits and attitudes that are causing me to move farther from God?"