

## ***I Got More Than What I Came For***

Main Scripture: Mark 2:1-12

### **Hearing: Discussion Questions**

- Robert mentioned that a lot of people like Jesus and that most people do not hate Him... but only if Jesus comes on their terms. He said that our culture today will recreate Jesus in *our* image instead of the other way around. In what ways have you seen this done?
  - In what ways have you done this yourself?
- “I need a God who contradicts me.” Only when we have a God who contradicts us will we truly be changed and therefore conformed into His image. In what ways has God and His Word contradicted you? How has that changed your perspective? If possible, site the verses that apply!
- In the Gospels, the majority of the time we only know a person’s gender and their condition (the man with leprosy, the women with the issues of blood, etc.) Similarly, we sometimes make our issue our identity. In what ways has this been true in your life or in the life of those close to you? What kind of effect does it have when we do that?
  - **Read Ezekiel 36:25-27.** How do we perceive things differently when Jesus is our identity?
- Robert said you can do all the churchy stuff you want, speak in as many tongues as you want and the devil doesn’t care as long as you are still in bondage and/or sin. It is when you deal with the root of an issue that the devil gets upset. Break up into groups of 2 or 3 and spend some time praying that the Holy Spirit would reveal to you some root issues that need to be dealt with tonight.
- **Read Mark 2:10-12.** One thing that may go unnoticed is that Jesus tells the man to take up his mat, even though he doesn’t need it anymore. Robert said that this was so he didn’t forget where he had come from. Why is it important for us to remember what God has saved us from? How does this help us? How does this help others?

### **Doing: Application**

- Take some time to ask God to give you an opportunity to “pick up your mat” and remember where you came from by sharing your testimony with an unbeliever this week. Pray for a door to be opened and share next week how it went!