

GROWTH GUIDE

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Gospel of Mark The Care Quotient

For the week of **January 15, 2017**

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GOAL: This week we see the need to increase our “Care Quotient” by bringing those around us to Jesus.

GET GOING:

1. Has anyone ever gone to great lengths to care for you? Or have you ever gone to great lengths to care for someone else? Describe that experience.

2. Who do you relate to the most in this passage? The paralytic, his friends, or the Scribes? Why?

3. Pastor Ron shared 5 steps to increasing your “Care Quotient.” Which step comes most naturally to you? Which step is most difficult? Why is that?

BONUS THOUGHT:

This story is also found in Matthew 9:1-8 and Luke 5:17-26. Check those out to get a different perspective on the same story.

KEEP GROWING

4. Read the next section, Mark 2:13-17. Both passages tell about the Scribes and Pharisees (the religious leaders) who didn't understand Jesus' message.

- Throughout Mark's Gospel account the Scribes and Pharisees continually question and challenge Jesus. Do you know anyone like that? What is it like to meet that kind of opposition?
- As we learned this weekend, when Jesus healed people physically it was to prove who He was and to show that He had the authority to forgive sin and heal people spiritually. Have you ever experienced this spiritual resoration?

5. Go back to Mark 2:1-12. Notice that this was not a one-man job. It took four people to carry this man to Jesus. Christianity is not a spectator sport, but it isn't a solo sport either. What step of faith can you take this week to increase your “Care Quotient”? Share this with a friend to hold you accountable.

BONUS CHALLENGE:

Invite Someone to Church.

The four men in this story recognized a need and brought their friend to Jesus. Here at Harvest, we proclaim the truth about Jesus every week. Who are you going to bring to Jesus by bringing them to Church next weekend?

Don't forget to prepare for next week's message by reading Mark 3!

