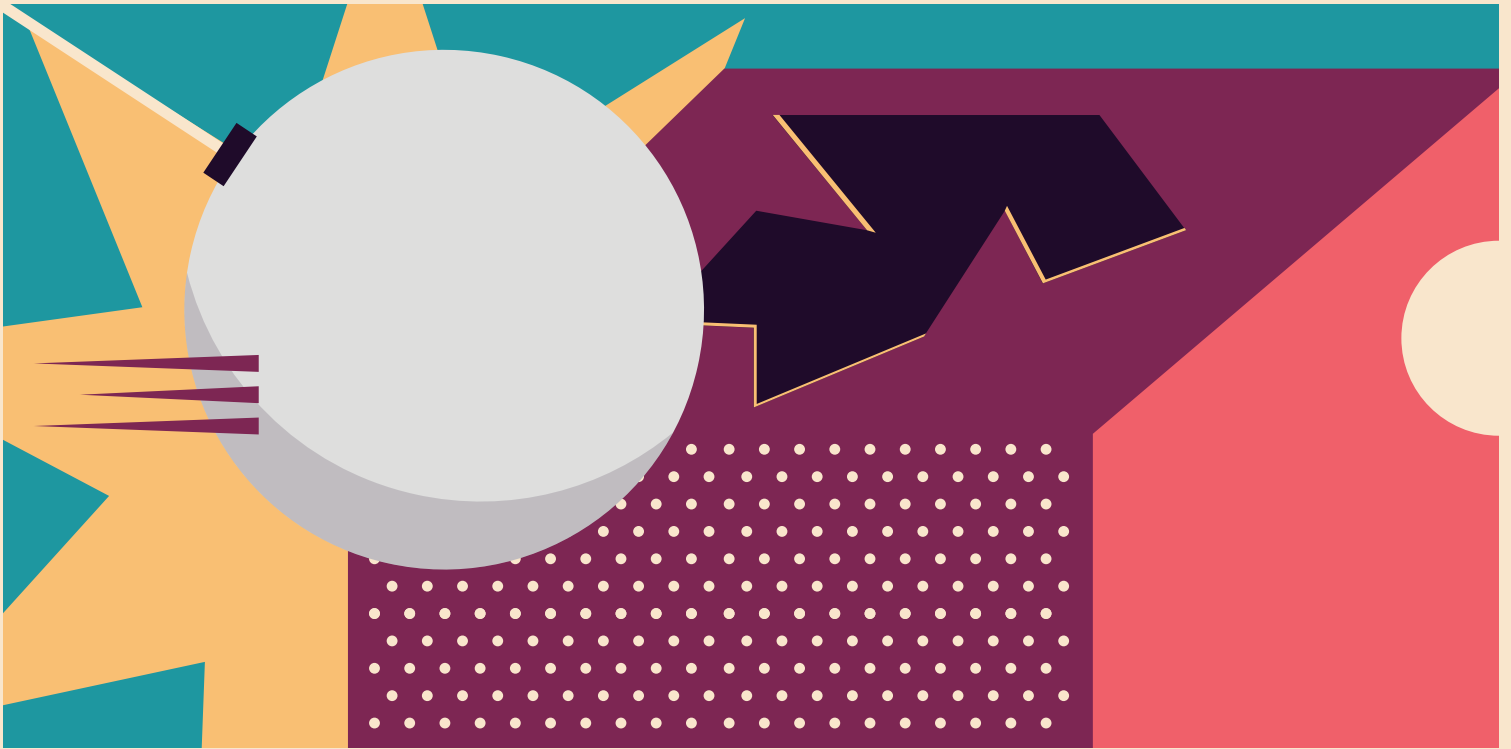


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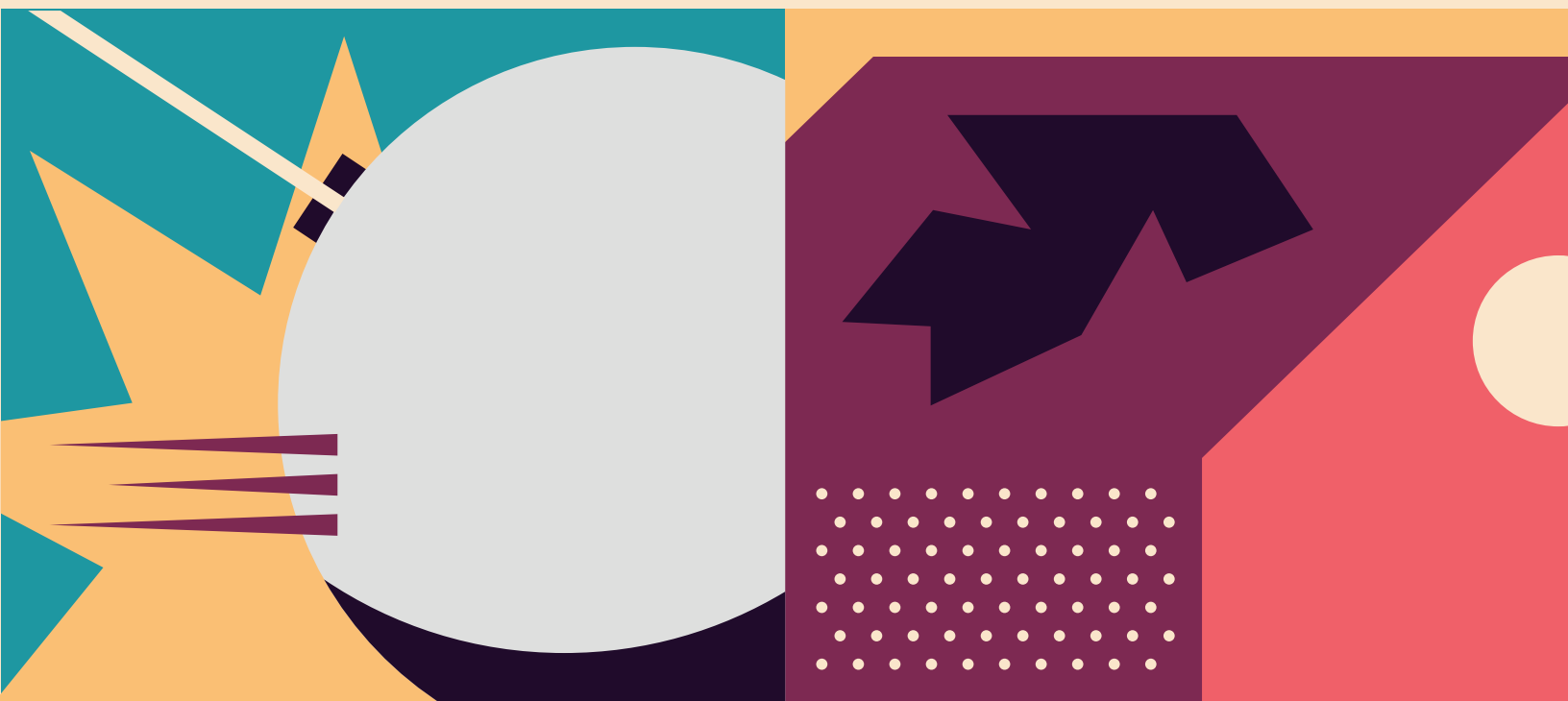


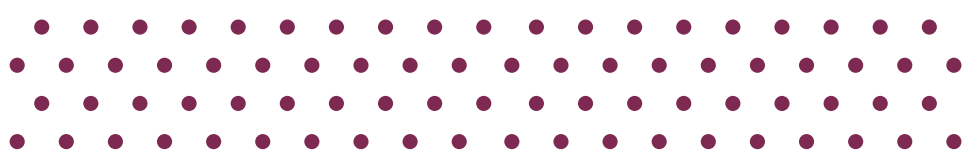
Breaking through barriers to bring people to Jesus

Very quickly in the Gospel of Mark, we're swept away into a vivid scene where a paralyzed man is lowered into the presence of Jesus through a hole in the roof of a cramped and crowded house. It's from that story that we draw the title and mantra *Wreck the Roof*. But even before this story in Mark 2, this sort of barrier-breaking love for others already exists. God Himself has broken through barriers to bring us life, which is what motivates us to break through barriers for others to find new life in Christ.

In this series, we're going to explore Mark 1, where the foundations are laid for the unrelenting, barrier-breaking, *Wreck the Roof* ministry of Jesus Himself. Together, we witness what it takes to break through barriers so that others can experience new life in Christ.

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The Roof Gets Wrecked

Mark 2:1-12

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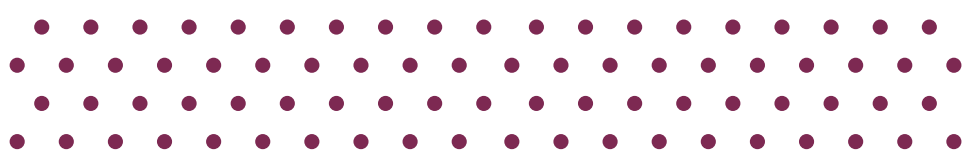


In Mark 2, we read the fascinating account from which we get our mantra *Wreck the Roof*. A paralyzed man who could potentially be healed is carried by a few persistent friends to a packed house where Jesus is teaching. Full of desperation and lots of love for the paralyzed man, these friends break through the roof of the home in which Jesus is teaching and lower him down into the presence of the now famous Healer. Jesus is emotionally moved by their faith and heals the paralyzed man, not just physically, but also spiritually, by forgiving his sins. Whoever this Jesus is, if He can heal a paralyzed man and pardon a sinful soul, people need to meet Him, no matter what stands in the way.

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Discussion Questions

1. What's the biggest mess you've ever made or witnessed someone make?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12.
3. What stands out to you from this text?
4. What may have prompted these friends to *wreck the roof* for the paralyzed man?
5. Describe a time you were like the paralyzed man, needing to be brought to Jesus, or like one of the friends, breaking through barriers on behalf of someone else.
6. What types of barriers might keep you from *wrecking the roof* and leading the people you love toward Jesus?
7. Now *Wreck the Roof*: Pray for and reflect on who in your life needs barriers removed to get to Jesus.



Sacred Sandals Mark 1:1-13

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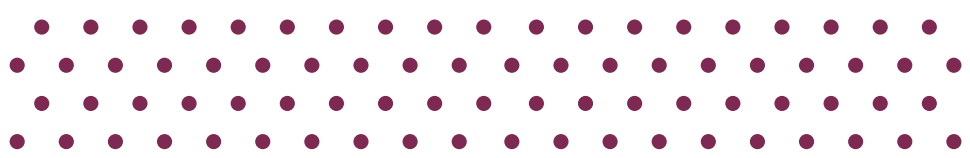
Mark opens his book by telling us what it's all about: *"the good news about Jesus the Messiah, the Son of God."* He also introduces us to John the Baptist, who helped prepare people to receive this good news about Jesus. John was a peculiar fellow with a strange sense of fashion and an unconventional diet. People were enamored with John. People flooded into the desert to meet him. But John was determined not to distract people from what really mattered. He consistently clarified his own unworthiness and pointed to the power of Jesus: *"After me comes the one more powerful than I, the straps of whose sandals I am not worthy to stoop down and untie"* (verse 7). John made sure everyone knew that he wasn't pure enough to touch the dirtiest part of Jesus: His feet. Our pride and self-promotion can create unnecessary barriers between others and an accurate understanding of who Jesus is. If we want to see people come to know Jesus, we begin by pointing them past ourselves and toward Jesus instead.

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Discussion Questions


1. Who is the most interesting person you have ever met?
2. Read Mark 1:1-13.
3. What stands out to you from this text?
4. Describe John the Baptist and his role in Jesus' ministry.
5. What if John the Baptist had an inflated view of himself? How would that have distracted the people around him from Jesus?
6. Read John 3:30.
7. What if you have an inflated view of yourself? How could that distract people around you from Jesus?
8. Now *Wreck the Roof*: Humility helps us connect with God and His mission. It even changes how we pray and see the people around us. Follow this QR code to find some helpful resources on prayer walking to equip you to engage the people around you:





Two Men and a Boat Mark 1:14-20

Leader Overview



Jesus has begun proclaiming the good news about God's Kingdom, but He doesn't want to do it alone. He's searching for a few apprentices to include in His life and ministry. In this passage, we're introduced to a few local fishermen who receive Jesus' life-altering invitation: "*Follow me.*" But Jesus doesn't make this radical request while sitting on a fancy throne in a gaudy palace atop a lofty mountain. No. Instead, He's strolling along the rocky shores of a lake—a good place to meet fishermen. He also doesn't talk to them as if they are scholarly theologians or strategic politicians. He says, "*Come, follow me, and I will send you out to fish for people.*" Jesus talks to these men as if they are, well, fishermen. He knew that to involve these men in His mission, He would need to meet them as they were, where they were. As we seek to carry out the mission of Jesus and include others in it, we must meet people as they are, where they are.

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Discussion Questions

1. Describe your hometown. How does that impact the way you live your life today?
2. Read Mark 1:14-20.
3. What stands out to you from this text?
4. What does this passage indicate about Jesus? What does this passage indicate about these disciples?
5. Why do you think it was important for Jesus to have this interaction with these men at the Sea of Galilee?
6. Time after time, Jesus met people as they were, where they were. How has He met you where you are? How does He continue to meet you where you are?
7. Now *Wreck the Roof*: How might the Lord be prompting you to adjust your location to share your life and faith more effectively with others?


WRECK THE ROOF REQUIREMENT:
Meeting people as they are, where they are



The Whole Town at the Door

Mark 1:21-34

Leader Overview



After a jarring display of power over demonic forces, Jesus becomes a popular name in Capernaum. Suddenly, everyone and their mother-in-law (literally) has a need that Jesus is being asked to meet. Mark says, “*The whole town gathered at the door.*” We see Jesus give up precious hours of His evening and, presumably, some sleep, to heal the plagued and possessed. Jesus’ mission has never merely been about converts. It’s always been about *people*. If our motivation to see people come to know Jesus isn’t rooted in a genuine love that is willing to slow down for them, we’re missing the heart of the mission. We’re missing the heart of Jesus.

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Discussion Questions

1. When was the last time you were in a large crowd? What were you there for?
2. Read Mark 1:21-34.
3. What stands out to you from this text?
4. What kind of effect do you think this mass healing had on the region? What kind of effect do you think it had on the disciples?
5. Jesus intentionally slowed down to meet people and their practical needs. What is getting in the way of you doing the same thing?
6. Now *Wreck the Roof*: Pray a daily prayer of surrender this week. Meditate on what conveniences and comforts keep you from surrendering and pray something like this, “Father, I’m giving this day to you. Give me the courage and strength to surrender to what You have for me today. Let people be my priority today.”

WRECK THE ROOF REQUIREMENT:

Willingness to surrender and slow down



Time to Go Mark 1:35-39

Leader Overview

“Everyone is looking for you!” the disciples exclaim. Jesus is still in high demand in Capernaum. But Jesus doesn’t cater to the crowd or cave to the pressure of needs that masquerade as urgent. He recalls for the disciples His purpose and mission and allows it to inform their next steps: “Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.” Jesus could’ve remained in Capernaum where people already appreciated Him and recognized His power—where He was needed. But He had a mission to complete and a message to deliver that was too important not to be shared with other towns and villages. People in the other Galilean towns were able to encounter Jesus personally because He recognized the mission and moved toward them.

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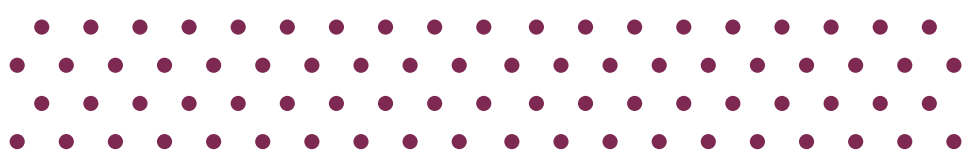
Discussion Questions

1. Would you rather eat at a restaurant you’ve eaten at before and know you like or try a new restaurant that you could potentially love?
2. Read Mark 1:35-39.
3. What stands out to you from this text?
4. Jesus found Himself in a spot where the people around Him were “*amazed*,” but He chose to leave. Do you think it was tempting for Jesus to stick around and continue meeting needs in Capernaum? What does leaving tell us about His mission?
5. How would you articulate your mission or purpose?
6. What’s the mission of your group? How can you remain aligned with one another and active in carrying out that mission?
7. Now *Wreck the Roof*: Seeing people and overcoming fears can lead to *wrecking the roof* for our friends and family. Follow this QR code to find some helpful resources on the power of party and hospitality:




WRECK THE ROOF REQUIREMENT:

A recognition of the mission



I Am Willing Mark 1:40-45

Leader Overview



A man with a skin disease approaches Jesus in search of healing. Perhaps the disciples' minds are reeling with quotations from the Old Testament Law that forbid touching a person with such a skin disease lest you become "unclean" yourself, or unfit for communion with God and others. The Jewish people would've actively avoided someone with this skin disease. Jesus, however, doesn't seem too concerned with becoming unclean. He reaches out, touches the man, and cleanses him from the disease. This act could tarnish the reputation of Jesus as a rule-following Jewish man. We discover Jesus cares more about people than about what people think of him. To break down barriers and bring people to Jesus, we need compassion that overpowers our rule-following and reputation-managing instincts.

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Discussion Questions

1. What is a rule, law, or guideline at work or in the world around you that seems impractical or silly?
2. Read Mark 1:40-45.
3. What stands out to you from this text?
4. Why do you think Jesus touches this man when healing him?
5. In verse 41, what does the Bible say Jesus felt?
6. Who may be cast out or excluded in our society today?
7. What social norms or religious "rules" may prevent you from showing the love of Jesus to someone?
8. In each of our lives, there are people who are overlooked or avoided. In your life, can you think of anyone who may feel that way? What does it look like to follow Jesus' example of overflowing compassion toward them?
9. Now *Wreck the Roof*: Take a few of the people from your group, meet at someone's home, and invite an unconnected person to a meal (maybe it's that person who you prayed for in Week 1).



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