Part 4: Did He Really Just Say That?

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Jesus Heals a Paralytic: Mark 2:1-12 *(English Standard Version)*

And when [Jesus] returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that
he was at home. 2 And many were gathered together, so that there was no more
room, not even at the door. And he was preaching the word to them. 3 And they
came, bringing to him a paralytic carried by four men. 4 And when they could not
get near him because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and when
they had made an opening, they let down the bed on which the paralytic lay. 5 And
when Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven."
6 Now some of the scribes were sitting there, questioning in their hearts, 7 "Why
does this man speak like that? He is blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God
alone?"
8 And immediately Jesus, perceiving in his spirit that they thus questioned
within themselves, said to them, "Why do you question these things in your
hearts? 9 Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say,
'Rise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man
has authority on earth to forgive sins" — he said to the paralytic — 11 "I say to you,
rise, pick up your bed, and go home."
12 And he rose and immediately picked up his bed and went out before them
all, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw
anything like this!"

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Small Group Questions

1) What have you learned about how God speaks during this series? Has your view of him or how he communicates changed at all? In what ways?
2) What do you think motivated the four friends to bring their paralyzed friend to Jesus?
3) How do you think you would you have responded if you were sitting in the room when Jesus forgave the man's sin and healed his illness? Awe? Skepticism? Joy? Confusion?
4) Do you believe Jesus at his word? Do you think he has the power and authority to forgive your sin? Why or why not?
5) If God were to speak to you today, what do you think he'd say to you? What makes you think that he'd say that?
6) What is one action you could take to introduce a friend to Jesus this week?
7) How can we pray for you right now?

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