HANDOUT **Mark 2:1-12** The God Who Forgives Sin TN 10-14-2018

**POINT 1. Our greatest need is to be made right with God.**

**Point 2. God uses the lesser things in our lives to serve the greater things that connect us with Himself.**

**Hebrews 2:8-9.** Our **faith in action** must also be an **active trust** in Him.

**8** putting **everything** in subjection under his feet.”

Now in putting everything in subjection to him, he left **nothing** outside his control. At present, we do not yet see **everything** in subjection to him.

**9**But **we see** him who for a little while was made lower than the angels, namely **Jesus**, crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

Reflect and Discuss Mark 2:1-12

1. How was Jesus’ teaching more proﬁtable than His healing ministry? Is the gospel still more valuable than health and wealth?
2. How does Jesus use the lesser things in your life to point you the greater things of His grace?
3. When you see someone who is crippled, starving, deformed, or poor, do you also think the person really needs salvation?
4. Can a Christian pronounce that another person’s sins are forgiven? (See Matt 16:19.) How would that be different from what Jesus did here?
5. Why is it easy to point at someone and make statements about their spiritual state?
6. What is the difference between circumstances and needs? How can the church avoid getting caught up in addressing circumstances and focus on the true needs of people?
7. Why did the people of Jesus’ day accept the healing of the paralytic as evidence that Jesus had forgiven his sins? Today, what serves as evidence of forgiveness?
8. Who are you prying the roof off to bring to Jesus?