

Taking It Home:

- Giving special attention to Luke 5:26; Matthew 9:8; and Mark 2:12, notice how the crowd glorified God. Sometimes simply standing in amazement and awe before our holy God is the best response we can offer. Specifically, what would this look like for you to stand in awe of God sometime this week?

- The four friends took incredible risk and personal expense (financial and non-financial) to introduce their friend to Jesus. What expenses have you had to make in sharing Jesus' love with others?

- Return to Mark 2:7. The response of the scribes is appropriate in the question they ask, "who can forgive sins but God alone?" Remind yourself often this week that Jesus has the power, the authority, and the desire to forgive sin. In fact, Jesus is the only One who can do this.

Memory Verse:

- Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. (John 14:6 ESV)

Authority to Forgive

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