



Gains

Part 4 – Teams Work

Discussion Guide

We all have next steps let's look at how to remain faithful through the process; while working together. Specifically, we will look at how four friends were able to participate in the miracle healing of their paralyzed friend; by working together. The friends did whatever it took, because they knew Jesus was able, and their friend was worth the effort.

Jump Start

1. What is the craziest thing you have ever done?
2. **Support in The Trials.** Read [Mark 2:1-12](#): What character traits do the four friends exhibit? How did Jesus respond to their faith?
3. **Read [John 15:13](#), [1 Corinthians 1:10](#)** What is an area in your life that you feel paralyzed and you need Jesus to intervene? Who in this story do you currently relate to; the paralytic, the four friends, the homeowner (with the broken roof), the crowd, or the teachers of the law?
4. **Celebrate in The Triumphs.** Read [Mark 2:5](#), [Psalm 32:1-5](#): Why did Jesus tell the paralytic that his "sins were forgiven" first in Verse 5? What was his greatest need?
5. **Final Thought. A Good Team Points Each Other To Their Purpose.** Read [1 Corinthians 12:12-14](#), [Ecclesiastes 4: 9-10](#), [Genesis 2:18](#): Do you think teamwork is valuable? Why does God want us to work together? What can you personally do to promote unity in your family, workplace, marriage, serving team, etc.?

Deeper

We will take a deeper look into examples of Teamwork through the book of Nehemiah. He was committed to God's purpose and repentance of sin.

6. Read [Nehemiah 1:11](#). Who was Nehemiah? What is his role? How does this give him influence?

7. Read [Nehemiah 1:4](#), [Nehemiah 2:17](#), [Nehemiah 2:5](#), [Nehemiah 3](#) What situations and problems in the world break your heart? What is your initial response when “that” is challenged? What was Nehemiah’s response to the news about his people, and the walls around Jerusalem? What was his next step?

8. Read [Nehemiah 1:6-7](#), [Jeremiah 29:11](#), [1 Peter 2:9-12](#). Throughout the rebuilding of the wall what obstacles did Nehemiah and the people face? How did they prevail?