



November 8-9, 2025

Recap

- What stood out to you from this weekend's message?
 - *Recap – BIG IDEA: Jesus came to HEAL our deepest need—our need for FORGIVENESS.*
 1. *Jesus sees BENEATH the SURFACE to the HEART of the PROBLEM. – Mark 2:1–5*
 2. *Jesus knows our deepest longing is FREEDOM from SIN and SHAME. – Mark 2:6–8*
 3. *Only Jesus has the AUTHORITY to FORGIVE SIN. – Mark 2:9–10*
 4. *Forgiveness FREES us to RISE and WALK again. – Mark 2:11–12*

Up

- Read Mark 2:1-12. What stands out, confuses, or challenges you from this passage or the message?
- Pastor Ron mentioned that our deepest longing is freedom from sin and shame. How can we experience this freedom in Christ?

In

- Chuck Colston said the worst prisons are not made of steel and concrete. They are the ones we build inside our own hearts when we refused to forgive. How do you walk freely, when you've been wronged or sinned against deeply?
- Is there anything that you feel stuck to today? (Bitterness, anger, regret, failure, etc)

Out

- The man's friends demonstrated a faith that was determined, creative, and sacrificial. Name a time when you or someone you know demonstrated these qualities in your life.

- Pastor Ron shared two powerful stories of forgiveness: Families from Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church in Charleston, South Carolina and Daniel and Leila Abdallah's forgiveness of the drunk driver. Are there any other stories of forgiveness that stick out to you?

Prayer

- Together as a group pray: "Jesus forgive me. Heal what only you can heal. Set me free to rise and walk again."