

BYOJ – Inside and Outside

April 14-16, 2017

Community:

1. What is your favorite Easter memory that you have from growing up, and why?
2. Do you have a favorite BYO (build your own) burger or sandwich? What's on it...and is it part of a favorite moment or memory?

Core:

1. Describe the version or versions of Jesus that you grew up with—whether you were a Christian or not. What was that version of Jesus like?
2. Have you ever had a time in your life where the version of Jesus you grew up with failed you? If so, what did this do to your faith or opinion of Him?
3. **Read Mark 2:1-4.** Why do you think so many people were packing out the house to see Jesus? What about the paralytic man and his friends? Does this relate to how you see Jesus in a certain way or version?
4. **Read Mark 2:3-12.** Focus on the claims and responses that Jesus makes. What stands out to you about Jesus' reaction to the paralytic man and the scribes? What does this teach us about Jesus' intent and purpose towards us?
5. Now re-read **Mark 2:1-12.** Jim talked about how Jesus is more concerned about fixing what is broken inside over what is broken on the outside. Can you relate to the paralytic man? (i.e. Wanting Jesus to fix something on the "outside"?). What emotions are stirred in you; realizing Jesus is not only concerned with what that is, but is also concerned with what is broken in your heart/spirit?
6. As best as you can describe and as much as you are comfortable with sharing, what do you think is broken INSIDE of you? What can Jim's talk and this passage of Scripture teach us about what Jesus can do to, not only the brokenness *outside* of you, but that brokenness *inside* of you?

Challenge:

Take some time this week to think about that brokenness inside of you. Then, take a moment and place your palm on the place on your body where you feel that brokenness. Pray and ask God to take this from you, then pull it out—symbolically and hold it in front of you. Ask Jesus to move in and heal that brokenness or to show you what that brokenness is. Whether you're there in person or watching online, let's show up these next three weeks with open minds and open hearts so that we can find out who Jesus really is and what He can do in our lives.