



**The Gospel of Mark – Faith in Action  
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**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures references in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to discuss the weekend message.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together. Give priority to the needs and pace of your group members.

While the questions are important, remember your group's goal is to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships. Use the discussion questions as you see fit but emphasize the relationships.

**Euthys (Greek) = which is translated many times as IMMEDIATELY!**

**Faith isn't a feeling; faith is a trust and belief in God that leads us to take ACTION.**

**"An absence of action is evidence of weak faith."  
- Pastor Dave Patterson**

### **[Mark 2:1-12]**

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven." Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'? But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins." So he said to the man, "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

### **[Mark 2:5]**

Jesus saw their faith.

### **[James 2:17]**

Faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

**"Faith" (Greek root - pistis.) = Belief, trust, confidence! The conviction that Jesus is who He says He is and will do what He said HE would do!**

**Works = one who does good, right actions**

**1. READ the WORD! Reading God's Word consistently builds faith that leads to action.**

### **[Romans 10:17]**

Faith comes by hearing, and hearing the word of GOD.

FAITH that is sedentary (inactive)... is dead (lifeless, powerless, ineffective).

## **2. TAKE a step**

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### **[Mark 2:11]**

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## Key Points:

1. Read the Word
2. Take a step

## Applications for the Week:

Take a practical first step of faith that you can put into practice this week. Take action by starting the Bible Reading Plan on the [YouVersion Bible App](#). Your faith will grow as you get into the Word daily.

## Discussion Questions

1. Share one thing in your life that you typically place high urgency on. What action steps do you take to make sure that one thing gets done?
2. Why is it hard for some to move from belief to action? What obstacles must we push past to get forward movement?
3. What do you think about Paul's statement that faith without works is dead? Why must there be physical or tangible evidence for your faith?
4. Why did Jesus forgive the paralytic man's sins before performing the external miracle?
5. Share about a time when Jesus answered and provided more than what you prayed and asked for?
6. Pastor Tosha said, "Faith isn't a feeling; faith is a trust and belief in God that leads us to take ACTION." How have you seen this lived out in your life or in people's lives that you look up to?
7. At whatever stage of faith, you are at, is there urgency to your faith? How are you currently taking a step-in faith and obedience?
8. What action do you need to take this week? Write it down, pray with each other and commit to being people of Faith.