Jesus Saw Their Faith

Scripture: Mark 2: 1-12

Also: Mark 10:45

Questions

1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
2. Read Mark 2:1-12.
3. In verses 1-5, what do you think about the attitudes and actions of the paralyzed man's helpers?
    - What qualities does the text point out?
    - What qualities can you deduce from the narrative?
    - How is God developing those qualities in you?
4. In verses 6-7, why did the teachers of the law conclude that Jesus was blaspheming? (Because they recognized that only God can forgive sins, so when Jesus said he forgave the man's sins...)
    - It's interesting to note that (like all of the other places) Jesus doesn't correct their thinking (He didn't say, "Oh no...you've got it all wrong...").
    - Where else does Jesus acknowledge His divinity? (In receiving worship, in saying the OT is all about Him, in His "I am" statements in John, at His crucifixion, and of course in His resurrection, to name a few!)
    - How does this story impact people's claim that Jesus was just a good teacher?
5. In verses 8-11, what was Jesus doing with His dialogue? Or, put another way, what was Jesus' point to the teachers of the law?
6. In verse 12, after the healing, the people responded with amazement and praise.
    - Can you recall a time when you saw God work in a way that resulted in your amazement and praise?
    - Did it cause a ruckus like this event did? Why or why not?
7. Finally, do you have a friend who needs "taken to Jesus" like the paralyzed man did? What can you (& others) do to help them?

Be discreet and kind with other people's needs, but spend some time brainstorming about how you can practically help a friend(s).