
Date: 3/5/23 **Message:** The Paralytic, the Tax Collector, and the Rabbi

Series: Gospel of Mark **Scripture:** Mark 2:1-17

The paralytic: _____

The tax collector: _____

The rabbi: _____

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

Mark 2:1-17

1. In what ways do we (wrongly) equate comfort with favor from God? In what ways have you experienced discomfort as a blessing?
2. How can we modify our language about comfort and discomfort to articulate more accurately the biblical position regarding who is favored by God?
3. What group would be a modern equivalent to the tax collector in biblical times? How would we react if Jesus said they were included in His kingdom? Why? What does our reaction say about us?
4. In what ways is it comforting that Jesus only came for "the sick and the sinner?" In what ways is it worrisome? Why?
5. If we can see ourselves on equal footing as sinners in need of grace with whomever we disagree with the most, how might it change how we treat them?
6. In our heart of hearts, if we don't currently feel that we are in desperate need of God's forgiveness, what can we do about it?