

First Things First – Week 2 – July 26, 2026
“Making Jesus Known”
Mark 2:1-12

1. In Mark 2, a group of friends went to extraordinary lengths to bring a paralyzed man to Jesus. What does their faith and determination teach us about the value of helping others encounter Jesus?
2. Jesus has given his followers the “message of reconciliation” and called us to be his ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:19-20). What does it mean in everyday life to make Jesus known—not only through what we say, but also through the way we live, love, and serve?
3. The message asked whether we are living more like spectators or participants in what Jesus is doing in the world. Where do you see yourself in that question right now, and what might be influencing your answer?
4. Todd suggested that the friends in Mark 2 may have each had different roles in bringing their friend to Jesus, just as we need different types of people in the church to help us fulfill our calling together. What are some gifts, abilities, personalities, etc. you are grateful other people bring to our community of faith? How have others helped you be on mission? What do you feel like you bring?
5. As you reflect on the good news of what Jesus has done for you, what thoughts, feelings, or questions arise as you consider his invitation to help make that hope known to others?