

## QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. What makes Christianity distinct from other religions?  
What is every person's greatest need?
2. What is God's means of forgiveness to the world?
3. How is the paralytic a picture of an unbeliever?
4. Why is a proper understanding of who Christ is crucial in evangelism?
5. Are you praying for non-Christians by name to experience the forgiveness of sins that only Christ can bring? What are you doing to reach out to them with the good news of the gospel?

*"The Lord, the Lord God, compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in lovingkindness and truth; who keeps lovingkindness for thousands, who forgives iniquity, transgression and sin; yet He will by no means leave the guilty unpunished, visiting the iniquity of fathers on the children and on the grandchildren to the third and fourth generations."*

Exodus 34:6-7

*"The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He will not always strive with us, nor will He keep His anger forever. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Just as a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him."*

Psalm 103:8-13

## "THE SERVANT KING'S AUTHORITY TO FORGIVE"

MARK 2:1-12

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Main point: Jesus demonstrates His authority to forgive when He heals a paralyzed man with the words, "Your sins are forgiven." He still forgives all who come to Him in genuine faith.