

3. Why was the synagogue full of people? What should be the main attraction of our church services?
4. When believers gather with intent to worship and honor Jesus what is the net result? What do we experience? See the verses below.

Matthew 18:20 *For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them*

Psalm 16:11 *You have made known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

5. While the inside of the synagogue was full of people what was happening on the outside of the synagogue? Discuss the principle of two situations people have in relationship with the church - people inside and people outside.
6. While many people are excited about what they are going to get out of church what were these men passionate about? Describe the blessing they received when Jesus helped their friend. Discuss the irony of getting a greater blessing when we seek to see others blessed than when we seek our own blessing.
7. When they couldn't find a way into the building where Jesus was what did they do? Why do churches and Christians tend to lose their creativity to reach their friends for Christ? When an approach isn't working in reaching our friends for Christ what should we do?
8. Jesus' first words to the paralyzed man had to do with his sin not his physical condition. (Mark 2:5) What is mankind's biggest problem?

Isaiah 59:2 *But your iniquities have separated you from your God; your sins have hidden his face from you, so that he will not hear. NIV*

Romans 6:23 *For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. NIV*

9. According to the story who alone can grant us forgiveness? According to the story is he eager to do this?
10. After Jesus forgave and touched the paralyzed man he could walk. Discuss how many people postpone following Jesus until they think they can live a moral life. Who is it that really helps us to walk the Christian life?

Final Thought

Who is outside church that you need to exert maximum effort to bring into church to experience Jesus?