



## **DOWN THROUGH THE ROOF**

**SUNDAY, MAY 7, 2017**

**KEY SCRIPTURE** | Mark 2:1–12

### **DISCUSSION GUIDE**

Desmond Doss was a US Army Corporal during WWII. Because of his position as a conscientious objector, he was an unarmed combat medic. In 1945, during the Battle of Okinawa, Doss remained on a ridge with many wounded, refused to take cover, and singlehandedly moved at least 50 soldiers to safety using a rope-supported litter. His heroic efforts saved many lives.

Like Corporal Doss, the four men who lowered their paralytic friend through the roof displayed persistence, creativity, and sacrifice as they sought healing for their friend. The four men acted out of true faith, believing Jesus could and would heal him. They didn't just know it—they did something about it. As a result, the paralytic was not only healed, his sins were forgiven.

### **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Looking back at your notes from Sunday's message, was there anything that particularly caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?
2. Can you think of someone you know who lives with true faith like Pastor Neal described in his message (persistent, creative, sacrificial)? Share with the group.
3. Pastor Neal talked about the paralytic's friends. What other biblical examples of true faith can you think of?
4. Jesus tells the disciples to become like a child (Matthew 18:1–5), and Christians often talk about having faith like a child. What does that mean?
5. If true faith is about doing, not just knowing, do you live a life of true faith?

### **WEEKLY CHALLENGE**

Make an intentional decision to live out your faith this week.

