



A detour is a deviation from a direct route or course of action.

Mark 2:1-12

1. Confident faith finds a detour from a closed door.

James 2:14; James 2:18

2. Faith in Jesus leads to forgiveness from him.

Ephesians 1:7-8

3. Being courageous is contagious.

Who is inspiring you to have courageous faith, and who are you inspiring to have courageous faith?

How would someone in your circumstances respond with confident faith?

## Small Group Outline & Discussion Questions

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### **Celebrate and Care:**

Have each person share a high and low from this past week.

### **Review:**

Confident faith in Jesus will help you find direction from a detour.

### **Open Up:**

Who are some people who have inspired you to have courageous faith?

### **Discuss:**

*Choose one or two questions for your group to discuss as time allows.*

- ▶ What keeps people from confident faith when they face a distraction?
- ▶ What types of paralysis do people face in today's world?
- ▶ Read James 2:14,18. Where in our lives could God be waiting on us?
- ▶ Jesus forgave the paralyzed man before healing him. Read Ephesians 1:7-8. What are some internal works God may want to focus on before external circumstances?

### **Engage:**

*Spend 1-2 minutes in silence with these questions then share your thoughts.*

Think of a detour you are facing right now. Is God offering a way around, a way through, or a different destination?

How would someone in your circumstances respond with confident faith?

Who are you inspiring to have courageous faith?

### **Pray:**

*Pray God helps us engage with the eternal work he is doing internally in us.*