

### Going deeper

The Psalms are powerful poems, that use all kinds of imagery to express important emotions. Sometimes they praise God, at other times they plead to God or even complain to God. This Psalm graphically reflects the reality of being under God's judgement, yet still looks to God as Saviour.

### Read Psalm 38

4. How does the Psalmist describe the effects of his sin on:
  - a. God's attitude to him
  - b. His health
  - c. His emotional state
  - d. His friendships
5. How is the Psalmist seeking God's forgiveness?
6. How does this Psalm illustrate an attitude of faith in God?
7. To what extent is this Psalm a model for Christians? How can we have assurance of forgiveness?

***Now do the applying it to our lives questions...***



**Week Beginning  
Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2017**

### Growth Team News

This is the last week of this term's session of Growth Teams and Explore Groups. There will be a two-week break and the groups will be back the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> November.

Remember Explore Groups are still open for those who want something different to Growth Teams or can't make any of the Growth Team times. Why not try one this week?



**Growing in Christ  
to glorify God  
and enjoy Him forever.**

## Hole in the Roof

Mark 2:1-12 (page 1003)

Space to take notes on the talk

A Hurricane of \_\_\_\_\_

The Calm of \_\_\_\_\_

The Lightning bolt of \_\_\_\_\_

## Starter question

- ❖ What has caused most damage to your property?

## Responding to the talk

1. Someone asks you what you learnt at church last Sunday. What would you say?
2. Read Mark 2:1-5
  - a. What do the number of people gathered to hear Jesus say about what people felt about him?
  - b. How did the actions of those carrying the paralysed man show their faith in Jesus?
  - c. Why was their faith important? (cf. 4:40; 5:34; 10:52; 11:22)
3. Read Mark 2:6-12
  - a. Why does Jesus say the man's sins are forgiven? (cf. 2:17)
  - b. How do the teachers of the Law react?
  - c. In what sense are they right? (cf. Psalm 51:4)
  - d. How does Jesus demonstrate that he can forgive sins?
  - e. What was the response of the crowds to all of this?
  - f. How might this have changed their views of who they thought Jesus might be?

*You may like to do the 'Going Deeper' questions over the page.*

## Applying it to our lives

8. Someone tells you that they think Jesus was just a 'good teacher'. How could you use this passage to show them that Jesus was more than that?
9. A Christian friend is struggling with feelings of guilt and a lack of certainty that God has forgiven them. What could you say to help them?