

*Connect Group notes 9 March 2026*

*'The Red Letter words of Jesus'*

Chris continued the sermon series this week about some of Jesus' words from scripture.

He spoke about a man who was lame, whose friends did all they could to get him to Jesus by removing the roof from a house.

Read Luke 5: 17-26

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The lame man had been accused by the pharisees as being full of sin, an 'explanation' for the fact he had not as yet been healed.

- *What are the limitations that we place on ourselves or that perhaps others have placed on us?*
- *How can, or does this, prevent us from stepping into all God has for us?*
- *What 'lids' (roofs) might God want to lift off our lives? (maybe break into smaller groups to share more comfortably).*

Chris spoke about certain groups of people that we come across in our lives – pharisees (quick to judge and condemn, critical, restrictive), basement people (always bringing the mood down) and balcony people (lifting us up and seeing things from a clear perspective).

- *Do we recognise ourselves in any of the above people groups?*
- *Do we recognise there are people in our lives who may be having an unhelpful impact on us – what might God be saying to us about some of our relationships?*

- *What do good friends do for us in our discipleship to Jesus?*
- *How can we become the kind of friend to someone, that we also need?*

PRAY

Pray for each other for freedom in the areas of our lives where God may want to lift the lid off.