Colorado Trail - Trail Life

Weekend Discussion Questions August 15-16, 2009

Community:

- 1. Can anyone remember the 5 values that have been discussed already? For a bonus point what is the last value for next week?
 - a. See flatironschurch.com/about for the answer
- 2. What kind of environments did God use to help you "bump into Jesus"?
- 3. Jim told a story about a "not-so-excellent environment", that was deep-sea fishing. Do you have any stories of "not-so-excellent environments"?

Core:

- 1. Read Mark 2:1-12 and discuss what you think it took for the 4 men and the paralyzed person to get to the point of going on the roof and lowering him down in Jesus' presence?
- 2. How did Jesus "see" their faith? What did it look like? How have you seen faith in action?
- 3. What were the obstacles to the man "bumping into Jesus"?
- 4. Have you ever had a church experience where something traumatic happened that soured you on God and His followers?
- 5. Jim said that people make comparisons and assumptions about Jesus based on what His followers say and do. What are some of those assumptions, for good or for bad?
- 6. Jim said that the faith system of the men who lowered the man through the roof looked something like this: "If I can just get my friend in the same room with Jesus I believe he can do something". In what ways should we be about getting our friends in the same room with Jesus? What does that look like in our context?
- 7. How do you see real life intersecting with Jesus?
- 8. Why did Jesus heal people? What did His physical healing demonstrate?
- 9. How can we continue to create excellent environments at Flatirons?
- 10. What type of environment do you think is conducive to people "bumping into Jesus"?
- 11. What role do you play in creating excellent environments?

Challenge:

- 1. Did you sign up to serve? If not visit flatironschurch.com/volunteer
- 2. Check out flatironslist. (flatironschurch.com/flatironslist)