

**Shadows – Treating Symptoms, Ignoring the Disease**  
**Weekend Discussion Questions**  
**March 19-20, 2011**

**Community:**

1. Have you ever crashed a party or an event to which you weren't invited?
2. What's the most creative way you've ever snuck in somewhere to get a better seat or better view?

**Core:**

1. Did you ever hear this story as a child? Was there anything you heard this weekend that caused you think about it differently?
2. Had you been there, would you have gone to see Jesus? What would you have been expecting to see?
3. Who in your life would you have broken through the roof and lowered down in order for them to see Jesus?
4. Think about the people already in the room when the man was lowered in front of Jesus. What would you imagine were some of the reactions?
5. Can you think of a time when you acted like a Pharisee? What motivated you?
6. Why do you think Jesus' first response to the paralytic man was to forgive his sins? Why do you think Jesus then healed the man after his discussion with the Pharisees?
7. Why did the Pharisees get angry when Jesus forgave the man's sins?
8. Talk about a time when you struggled with being disappointed with God. What did you learn about God in that situation, if anything?
9. What are the top three requests on your list when you pray?
10. The point Jim made about the title of the series is whether we're focused on the shadow or the object casting the shadow. In the story of the paralytic man, what was the shadow and what was the object casting the shadow?
11. In your life, can you think of a situation where you are "rearranging deck chairs on the Titanic"?

**Challenge:**

Make a list and begin to pray differently this week, asking God to heal the diseases that affect your heart rather than just addressing the symptoms.



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**Weekend Services** | Sat 5:00 & 6:30pm | Sun 9:00, 10:30 & 11:55am, 6:30pm