**Bringing It Home**

1. Make a list of the people involved in this story? What can we learn from the text about each of them?
2. What do you think may have motivated the man’s friends to be so persistent in bringing him to Christ?
3. Why does Jesus’ initial statement to the man seem unusual (v 2:5)? What would you normally have expected Him to say?
4. Why do you think the scribes were upset about Jesus’ words to the paralytic (cf. Isaiah 43:25)?
5. What do we learn about the person and the nature of Christ from this account of healing?