

# High School Discussion Guide

*Ride or Die: For the week of August 16 - 22, 2020*

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## Main Thought and Scriptures:

*"When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. <sup>2</sup>Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was preaching God's word to them, <sup>3</sup>four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat. <sup>4</sup>They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, 'My child, your sins are forgiven.'" (Mark 2:1-5 NLT)*

*"This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you. <sup>13</sup>There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup>You are my friends if you do what I command... <sup>17</sup>This is my command: Love each other." (John 15:12-14, 17 NLT)*

*"We love because He first loved us... And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers. (1 John 4:19, 21 NLT)*

In Mark chapter 2, we read about four men who did everything in their power to get their paralyzed friend to Jesus; they didn't stop when things were difficult. They kept trying and came up with a creative way to get their friend to Him. Scripture tells us that because of their faith (and love), their paralyzed friend was healed. We all need friends like that, people who love us and are willing to go above and beyond for us. Jesus was the ultimate example of this unconditional love (He literally lived and died for us), and as we keep our eyes on His example, we can not only build those types of friendships with our brothers and sisters, but also be those types of friends for them as well.

## Discussion Questions:

- Who in your life can you count on to be a true brother or sister in Christ? Share a time when they sacrificed to help you in a time of need.
- Who is someone in your life that you can love and serve? What is a practical way you can do that?
- How can you continue to build healthy relationships in Christ? What is something that you need to lay down, in order to do that?

## Prayer Points:

- Pray that Jesus will help you build healthy, godly relationships in your life.
- Pray for one friend or family member that needs to experience what a healthy, godly relationship is like. And pray that He would use you to do that.