

## Messing with the Structures

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### **“Digging up the roof” in order to bring people to Jesus**

1. If you grew up attending Sunday school, what memories do you have from that time?
2. What’s something you noticed from the story in Mark 2 for the first time?
3. John E. Phelan recently heard a pastor say, “Sometimes in order to get people to Jesus you have to mess with the structure.” What does that quote mean to you?
4. Phelan lists several scriptural examples of Jesus “messing with the structures.” Can you think of any Old Testament stories that illustrate this concept?
5. Phelan asks what structures, barriers, assumptions, and voices are hindering your mission? How are you going to “mess with them” to bring people to Jesus?