

Bring Them To Jesus | Family Worship Guide

Mark 2:1-12



MAIN IDEA: Jesus alone has the ability to forgive us of sin, so we should do everything we can to bring people to Him.

PREPARATION:

It is fun to swim, but water is dangerous for people who don't know how. Have you ever fallen in water and been scared? What would you do if you saw someone you love fall in a pool or a lake and you noticed they were not able to swim?

EXPLANATION:

When Jesus came back to a house in Capernaum, word had spread about his powerful teaching and his ability to heal the sick. Crowds were gathered around to see him and hear him. Four men who knew he was there thought about a friend of theirs that really needed to see Jesus but couldn't get to him because he was paralyzed. They decided to carry him on his bed over to meet Jesus. They hoped Jesus would touch him and heal him. We don't know exactly how far they had to carry him, but imagine how tiring it is to carry a full grown man--and his bed! Then, when they got there they couldn't get through the dense crowd into the house. So, they decided to carry him and his bed up to the roof and tear a hole in it in order to lower him down to Jesus. These are some dedicated friends who were willing to work hard (and take risks!) to help their friend. This is a great picture of what it looks like to love someone. It is also a great example of faith. They certainly wouldn't have gone through all this if they didn't think Jesus could help their friend.

The crowds were annoyed, but Jesus was impressed by their compassion and faith. He looked at the paralyzed man and told him that his sins were forgiven. His friends were concerned about his health, but Jesus teaches us that our heart is what is most important. He does heal the man of his paralysis, and tells him to pick up his bed and walk! They all got to witness a miracle as the man was healed and his heart was cleansed of all his sin. The heart problem that every person has may not appear as obvious as this man's paralysis, but it is much more serious. All your friends and family may not look like they are struggling in a pool, unable to rescue themselves, but the Bible makes it clear that every person is drowning in their sin and cannot save themselves. Jesus came to save us from this problem of our sin. His death on the cross is the solution. We are saved from drowning in our sin only when we trust in Jesus who died for our sin and rose from the dead. When we do, we are rescued from the penalty of our sin and given a new life with a new, clean heart.

If we understand this about Jesus, and the danger our friends and family are in, we should do everything we can to bring them to Jesus. Let the example of these four faithful friends encourage you. Don't count on your friends to find Jesus on their own--even if he is in town. Understand that they are paralyzed in their sin. God put you in their lives to bring them to Jesus, or better yet, bring Jesus to them. If you are His child, He is with you. His Spirit lives in you.

CONVERSATION:

- Discuss everything these 4 men had to do to get their friend to Jesus. How do we bring people to Jesus today? What hard things do we have to overcome?
- How does this paralyzed man help us to understand the condition of sinners apart from knowing Jesus?
- How does this paralyzed man help us to understand the condition of unreached people groups that have never heard of Jesus?

APPLICATION:

- **Perspective** - the greatest need in the world is not just physical help, but salvation. People need to know the gospel.
- **Compassion** - we need to have a burden similar to these 4 men to recognize this great need that people have and do everything we can to share the gospel with them.
- **Prayer for your friends/family** - think of someone you know who is lost (paralyzed/drowning in sin) and pray for God to show you how to bring Jesus to them. Pray for His Spirit to work in their hearts and show you how to reach them.
- **Prayer for Unreached People Groups** - [Unreached of Day Today | Joshua Project](#) to pray for a people who is unable to come to Jesus on their own. Read the info about the people group and pray together for them.

SUPPLICATION:

Father, thank you for cleansing my heart of sin and giving me new life in Jesus! Grip our hearts with compassion and urgency as we look at others. Help us to bring people to you at school, work and in the community. And use us to help bring the gospel to people and places that have never heard about the true Jesus. Send your Spirit before us to prepare their hearts and lead us so we can know the joy of participating in the work you have prepared for us. In Jesus' name, Amen.

EXULTATION:

[Send Me Out \(Steve Fee\) with Lyrics - YouTube](#)

[verse 1]

Jesus, Lord of my salvation, Savior of my soul
Send me out to the world to make You known
Jesus, King of every nation, this world's only hope
Send me out to the world to make you known
Send me out to the world

[chorus]

I wanna be Your hands and feet
I wanna be Your voice every time I speak
I wanna run to the ones in need, in the name of Jesus
I wanna give my life away, all for Your kingdom's sake
Shine a light in the darkest place, in the name of Jesus
In the name of Jesus

[verse 2]

Carry to the broken hearted mercy You Have shown
Send me out to the world to make You known
And to the ones in need of rescue, lead me I will go
Send me out to the world to make You known
Send me out to the world

[verse 3]

Here am I, I will go
Send me out to make You known
There is hope for every soul, send me out, send me out
Here am I, I will go
Send me out to make You known
There is hope for every soul, send me out, send me out