

THE BRIDGE
"People Bringing People"
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Mark 2:1-12

TRUTHS ABOUT PEOPLE BRINGING PEOPLE TO JESUS

1. We bring people to Jesus when we **care deeply** about their needs (v. 3)
2. When we bring people to Jesus, we will always face **obstacles** (v. 4)
3. We bring people to Jesus as we **believe** that God can meet their desperate needs. (v. 5)
4. When we bring people to Jesus, we will get to participate in God's **transforming** work in their lives. (vv. 8-12)

WHAT I AM TO DO IN RESPONSE

1. Look **Around**. Who are the people in your life that you want to bring closer to Jesus?
2. Look **Up**. God changes people through our prayer.
3. Look **Out** for them. Spend time with them. Cultivate genuine friendships with them.
4. Look **For** an opportunity to bridge them to Jesus by inviting them to a special event where they will hear the gospel.

CENTRAL TRUTH:

Because God deeply cares about the salvation of the unchurched, we are called to bring them closer to Jesus as their trusted friends.

Going Deeper into the Message

1. Who carried the mat for you by bringing you closer to Jesus? Share with the group one or two individuals who made the influence in you becoming a believer. What do you appreciate about them?
 2. When was the last time you dug a hole through a roof for another person? Reflect on a time when you believe you helped point someone toward Jesus. How would you describe your experience?
 3. Jesus was crystal clear about how he was going to invest his days while he was here on earth. What do the following passages say about Jesus' mission in coming to earth?
 - Mark 2:17, Mark 10:45, Luke 19:10
 4. Here are some biblical metaphors which show us how God wants to use us to bring people closer to Christ. What are these word pictures and what do they say about our role in evangelism?
 - 2 Corinthians 2:15
 - 2 Corinthians 3:2-3
 - Matthew 4:19
 - Matthew 5:13-14
 5. One of the most authentic ways of bringing people to God is "Love them 'til they ask you why." What prevents you from caring deeply for your unchurched friends?
 6. In your opinion, what are the obstacles that keep the unchurched from coming out to church?
 7. Sometimes, the longer people walk with Christ, the fewer their interactions with people living far from God. They become men and women who rarely step outside of their warm, safe, comfortable Christian circles. How has it been for your life?
- Responding to the Message**
8. Share with the group the individuals on your prayer list.
 9. What is one thing you might do or say this week to take the first step toward one of the people on your list?
 10. Is there anyone that God is prompting your heart to invite to LIVE Concerts or to your LifeGroup?
 11. Pray for one another in the group.