

LET'S GO!

Part One: "The Joy of Bringing"

Reading: Mai	rk 2:1-12	
Bringin	ig people to	is the greatest joy in life!
GOD'S WOR	D REVEALS THE JOY OF	BRINGING
		is the ultimate place ety and provision.
the shade own hous		re, O God! All humanity finds shelter in ed them from the abundance of your n your river of delights."
	LAD when they said to me 122:1 GWT	e, "LET'S GO to the house of the Lord."
HOUSE o		T'S GO up to the Lord's mountain, to the may teach us his ways and we may CEB
THREE COM	PONENTS IN THE JOY C)F BRINGING
1. Friends bri	ng the	(v.3)
	His friends loved him en	ough to say, LET'S GO to
Who should \	WE sav LET'S GO to?	

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2. Faith brings the	_(v.5)
"God is able to do much more than we ask or think through WORKING IN US. May we see His shining-greatness IN TH May all people in all time honor Christ Jesus. Let it be so." EPHESIANS 3:20-21 NLV	
People get STUCK in life—They need our	
to get a breakthrough	h.
"COME AND SEE what our God has done, what awesome performs for people!" PSALM 66:5 NLT	miracles he
Don't go to heaven by yourself—	
someone with you	!
3. Forgiveness brings	_(vv.5-9)
"He forgives all my sins and heals all my diseases." PSALM	Л 103:3 NLT
"Are you sick? Call the church leaders together to pray and with oil in the name of the Master. Believing-prayer will he you've sinned, you'll be forgiven—healed inside and out." JAMES 5:14-15 MSG	
The greatest joy of all is	·
ACTION STEPS TOGETHER:	
 Write the names of some friends that are lost, stuck or broken GO Prayer Card. 	n on your LET'S
Keep the card with you and pray for them regularly	
• Bring them with you on RESURRECTION SUNDAY as God m	akes a way.

The most important thing we can do in life is to

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Life Group Discussion Questions

This Sunday, we learned that bringing people to Jesus is the greatest joy in life! Today, we'll take another look at the sermon and see how it applies to our personal lives.

MY STORY – Reflect on your story of meeting Jesus. Were there people in your life who invited you to church or told you about God? What difference did that make in your life?

DIGGING DEEPER

Key Verse: Romans 10:14-15 "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

What does this verse tell us about our part to play in bringing people to Jesus? When you think about being sent into your workplace, school, or neighborhood, what do you feel? Excitement? Fear? Pressure?

It All Starts with Friendship

In the sermon, we reviewed four groups of people to invite: friends who are sick, friends who have never met Jesus, friends who used to know Jesus but wandered away, and friends with the potential to grow in God.

Note that each group of people is some kind of friend. Why might it be important to start with our friends?

Think about the people God has placed in your life. Are there people in your life who fit these descriptions? Who might God be challenging you to bring?

Overcoming Fear

As we learned on Sunday, it was FAITH that brought the breakthrough: "When Jesus saw their *faith*, He said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven you'" (Mark 2:5). The opposite of faith, however, is FEAR, and the enemy loves to use fear to stop breakthrough in its tracks.

Here are some common fears when it comes to inviting people to church. Do you resonate with any of these? Are there other fears that you specifically deal with?

- You don't know what to say
- You feel awkward

- You might get rejected
- It might change your relationship
- They might not like church

The good news is God gives us faith to overcome our fears. How might God want to help you overcome the fears you named?

A Faith for Others

Note that Jesus commented not on the paralyzed man's faith, but on the faith of his friends: "When Jesus saw THEIR faith, He said to the paralytic, 'Son, your sins are forgiven you'" (Mark 2:5), showing that God responds when we have faith for others.

Have you ever had an experience when someone else's faith made a difference in your life or vice versa? How might God want to use your faith to bring breakthrough for one of your friends?

PRAYER

- 1. **Pray for Each Other** Spend time praying that each person in your group will experience the joy of bringing and see how their faith can make a difference in the lives of others. Pray through the fears mentioned and for the confidence to invite their friends.
- 2. **Prayer of Three** On the lines below, list three people you believe God is challenging you to pray for and invite to church. Ask God to work in their hearts behind the scenes so that they will be ready to respond when you ask them to come. Ask God to forgive their sins, heal any sickness, and meet them in the place of their need.
