

“The Connection Point: ME” Series
Part 2 “Connecting Others With Jesus”
Text: Mark 2:1-12
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Three thoughts when connecting others to Jesus:

1. Be aware that God is at work all around you.

The most heartbreaking aspect of this story is that the crowd cared more about their seats than they cared about souls.

How do I live with that awareness? I must...

A. prepare myself.

B. act.

2. Be willing to do whatever it takes for God to use you.

It cost these four guys their...

A. time,

B. comfort,

C. resources.

3. Have faith in Jesus for what only He can do.

The gospel is not something that we come to church to hear; it is something that we go from church to tell.

Three types of people in this story:

1. The Helpless.

Scripture:

Mark 2:1-12 NKJV

2 And again He entered Capernaum after some days, and it was heard that He was in the house.

2 Immediately many gathered together, so that there was no longer room to receive them, not even near the door.

And He preached the word to them. 3 Then they came to Him, bringing a paralytic who was carried by four men.

4 And when they could not come near Him because of the crowd, they uncovered the roof where He was. So when they had broken

through, they let down the bed on which the paralytic was lying. 5

When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, “Son, your sins are forgiven you.” 6 And some of the scribes were sitting there and

reasoning in their hearts,

7 “Why does this Man speak blasphemies like this? Who can forgive sins but God alone?” 8

But immediately, when Jesus perceived in His spirit that they reasoned thus within themselves, He said to them, “Why do you reason about these things in your hearts? 9

Paralytic who couldn't get there on his own.

2. The Hinderers.

Pharisees, disciples, and other believers.

3. The Helpers.

Four friends who did whatever it took.

Which is easier, to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise, take up your bed and walk'? 10 But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"—He said to the paralytic, 11 "I say to you, arise, take up your bed, and go to your house." 12 Immediately he arose, took up the bed, and went out in the presence of them all, so that all were amazed and glorified God, saying, "We never saw anything like this!"

