

Sunday Sermon Notes

"Bringing"

Remember the game plan!

Making Christ-like disciples by
Celebrating, Loving, Serving, Bringing

First things first!

Who do I know that needs Jesus?
How important is it to me?
It's my job to bring them
Time really does matter

"Come meet my Jesus!"

"I have met Him!"
"I want you to know Him too."
"I know where you can meet Him."
"Come with me."

Excuses, excuses!

My excuses: fear of rejection
Their excuses: misconceptions
Life's excuses: time conflicts
Satan's excuses: lies

Don't ask, bring!

Make new friends
Love them sincerely
Share your story
Bring them with you

Jesus knows them!

He knows their name
He knows their needs
He knows their potential
He knows their moment

Digging Deeper

Notes for Individual Meditation and Small Group Discussion

Tell the story of who first brought you to church.

Review the sermon notes from Sunday's sermon. What point in the sermon made the greatest impact on you?

What do you think most keeps you from bringing someone to Jesus?

Read: Mark 9:17-29

Discussion Questions

(Remember that not all questions must be used)

This is also a story of someone "bringing" to Jesus. Today, we might have diagnosed the problem with the little boy as epilepsy, though in Jesus day it was thought to be demon possession. His father had brought him to Jesus for healing. Jesus was up on the mountain where his "transfiguration" had taken place when the father arrived. The disciples left at the bottom of the mountain had failed to drive out the demon.

Why do you think Jesus expresses such frustration with his disciples upon learning they had not healed the little boy?

What does the description of the seizure and the father's report about how long he had been ill tell you about the boy's problem?

What does the statement by the boy's father, "but if you can do anything, take pity on us and help us," tell you about how the father feels?

Jesus replies, "everything is possible for him who believes." The father responds, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!" How is it possible for the father to both believe and have doubts?

How does knowing that Jesus honored the man's faith even though he had "unbelief" make you feel about your doubts?

When do you find yourself having the hardest time having faith? What have you found helps you to overcome your unbelief?

Jesus heals the little boy in a dramatic scene. Why do you think the evil spirit left the boy with such violence? How does battling with evil in your life make you feel?

After the miracle, Jesus' disciples asked why they had failed to drive out the demon. Jesus responded, "This kind can come out only by prayer." (The King James Version also adds, "and fasting.") Yet there is no record of Jesus actually praying during this passage. What does that tell you about Jesus prayer life and when he must have practiced it?

Why do you think there is such a close relationship with our prayer life and the effectiveness of our Christian life? Why do you think so many of us fail to pray as we should?

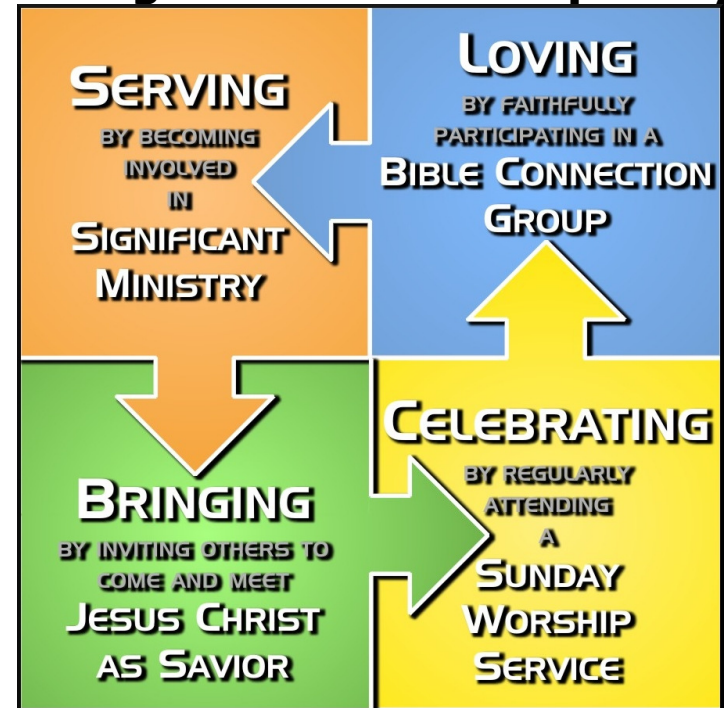
What relationship do you think there is between what we have learned in this passage and bringing people to Christ?

Prayer time:

Before your group prays, give an opportunity for each person to share the name(s) of people God is laying on their hearts to bring.

Pray for both the person in your group who wants to bring someone and the person they are planning to bring.

Making Christ-Like Disciples by:



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John 1:40-51

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