



The Faith of Four Friends

(How to bring people to Christ)

Welcome: Icebreaker: Tell a good memory about a good friend you have or had.

Word: Mark 2:1-12

I. The first thing that we see is concern.

a) These four men had concern for their friend. I want us to understand that it was not just pity; they did not just feel sorry for their friend who was a paralytic. They did not just sit there and say, "Boy Bill I really feel sorry for you that you can't walk. That's really too bad." They did something about it. They sought a way to help their friend, and not just talk about it.

b) Do you have concern for the lost? Do you have pity for those who are perishing without a relationship with Jesus Christ? Do you feel bad that a certain someone is going on their way to hell?

c) Our concern ought to lead us to action.

II. Secondly, they had cooperation.

a) They worked together to get the job done. They knew that they could not do it alone, so they worked with one another, it took four people to bring the man to Christ, each one had to carry a corner of that bed, and they got together and decided what each one had to do.

b) The work of Missions also needs cooperation, it needs different people to do different jobs, different people to hold the corners of the bed.

c) 1 Samuel 30:21-24, David is basically saying is that we all have a job to do. Some of us will go to the front of the battle, while others will stay, by the supplies. But each one played a part.

III. Thirdly, they had commitment.

a) The four men did not quit when they came to the house, they did not see the crowd, did not think that they will not see Jesus, they did not say sorry Bill we got close but there is just too many people, we'll just go home.

b) These men were committed in having their friend see Jesus; they were committed to bring their friend to Christ. They were so committed to bring their friend to see Christ that they did whatever it took for it to happen.

c) Are we committed to seeing people come to Christ? Are we willing to do whatever it takes to see people hear the gospel? Or do we care about what the crowd thinks?

IV. Last, they had confidence.

a) They knew that Christ had the answer to their friend's problem.

b) It was the faith of these four friends that moved Jesus

Work: So let's wrap this up; to bring people to Christ we need certain traits we see in these men. We need Concern, Cooperation, Commitment, and Confidence. Mark 2:1-12 Pray for your friends to come to Jesus and for the teamwork of four.