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Inside Out

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WHATEVER IT TAKES

*When Jesus returned to Capernaum several days later, the news spread quickly that he was back home. Soon the house where he was staying was so packed with visitors that there was no more room, even outside the door. While he was **preaching God's word to them.***
Mark 2:1-2

All people are searching for PURPOSE and FULFILLMENT.

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. He said to his disciples, "The harvest is great, but the workers are few. So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."
Matthew 9:36-38

How can we bring others to Jesus?

1. Show COMPASSION.

Four men arrived carrying a paralyzed man on a mat.

Mark 2:3

2. Be CREATIVE.

They couldn't bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, so they dug a hole through the roof above his head. Then they lowered the man on his mat, right down in front of Jesus.

Mark 2:4

3. Put your FAITH into ACTION.

Seeing their faith, Jesus said to the paralyzed man, "My child, your sins are forgiven."

Mark 2:5

Faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.

James 2:17

Without faith it is IMPOSSIBLE to please God.

Hebrews 11:6

4. Realize everyone's greatest NEED is FORGIVENESS.

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He has removed our rebellious acts as far away from us as the east is from the west.

Psalms 103:12

"I – yes, I alone – will blot out your sins for my own sake and will never think of them again."

Isaiah 43:25

*But some of the teachers of religious law who were sitting there thought to themselves, "What is he saying? This is blasphemy! Only God can forgive sins!" Jesus knew immediately what they were thinking, so he asked them, "Why do you question this in your hearts? Is it easier to say to the paralyzed man 'Your sins are forgiven,' or 'Stand up, pick up your mat, and walk'? So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." **Mark 2:6-10***

5. Lead your friends to Jesus because Jesus CHANGES LIVES.

*Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" And the man jumped up, grabbed his mat, and walked out through the stunned onlookers. They were all amazed and praised God, exclaiming, "We've never seen anything like this before!" **Mark 2:11-12***

*"Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved." **Acts 4:12***