

First In Compassion!

“But **seek first** his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”

- *Matthew 6:33 NIV*

KEY THOUGHT

- **We Will Do Anything Short Of _____
To Reach People Who Are Far From _____! Whatever It Takes!**

“Go and **make disciples** of all nations, **baptizing them** in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and **teaching them** to obey everything I have commanded you.” - *Matthew 28:19-20 NIV*

On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, **but the sick**. I have not come to call the righteous, **but sinners**.” - *Mark 2:17 NIV*

A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ²They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.” - *Mark 2:1-5 NIV*

LOVE FOR PEOPLE WITHOUT CHRIST

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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10	

REACHING PEOPLE WITH THE LOVE OF CHRIST

1. We’re Going To BEAR Some _____!

Some men came, bringing to [Jesus] a paralyzed man, **carried** by four of them. - *Mark 2:3 NIV*

2. We’re Going To BREAK Some _____!

Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they **made an opening in the roof** above Jesus **by digging through it** and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. - *Mark 2:4 NIV*

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- How did you come up with your rating of your love for people without Christ? What do you do, or not do, that made you choose that number?
- What are some ways you can get more involved in the lives of people who are far from Christ?
- Name three people you know who need Jesus in their lives. What will you do this week to reach out to them?
- What did God speak to you during this message about *First In Compassion*? Discuss it.
- How will you pray more this week about reaching people for Christ? Make a list of people to pray for.
- Share how God showed up as a result of your fasting.