

ARE YOU A TRANSPORTER?

BIG IDEA

As followers of Jesus we are to transport people to the presence of Christ.

SCRIPTURE

Have someone in your group read aloud Luke 5:17-26

OPENER

What are some ways that a Christian can help transport someone physically and/or spiritually toward Jesus?

QUESTIONS

1. Tell of a situation when you “discerned the time and moved to action” like the friends of the paralyzed man.
2. We have often heard it said, “We are **all** broken!” An acquaintance stops you after the service and shares a very personal prayer need. You are already late for your restaurant reservation. Do you stop and pray with them or tell them you will add it to your prayer list? Talk about obstacles in your life that keep you from spending time being a transporter.
3. Name some ways that you have met or are currently meeting a need which opens doors to spiritual transformation. Have you ever missed a transporting opportunity? If so, what could you have done differently?
4. The obstacle in the story is good people who inadvertently blocked the way of someone who had an immediate need of Jesus. Are you ever a faith blocker? What are things you may have done to make it difficult for someone to get to Jesus?
5. In verse 20 Jesus saw the faith of the man and his transporters, and said to the paralytic man, “Your sins are forgiven.” His friends’ faith and actions brought the man to Jesus, enabling the man’s healing! Name ways you could show bold faith in action to bring people to Jesus.

TAKEAWAY

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. For as long as you can.”

John Wesley

A Transporter:

- Discerns what God is doing & cooperates
- Is Persistent to overcome obstacles
- Uses their faith with action
- Helps meet a need and is not a faith blocker

Pray this week: Lord, I want to be in sync with what you are doing in the life of others.

REFERENCES

Luke 5:17-26

Ephesians 6:12

James 1:22-25

James 2:20b

James 5:16b

DIGGING DEEPER

1. James 5:16b tells us, “The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.” Do you see your most powerful resource as communion with God through prayer?
2. In Ephesians 6:12, Paul tells us we are not warring against flesh and blood, but against the “mighty powers of this dark world.” How do you think these evil enemies work against us as we become “doers” of the Word and thus transporters?
3. James reminds us in verse 22 of chapter 1 that we are to be doers of the Word, and not merely hearers. Share with the group an example of your “doing” and how your action(s) was/were a blessing to you.
4. What does it mean in James 2:20b when he says, “faith without good deeds is useless?”