

# What It Costs To Do the Introductions

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Mark 2:1-2

## I. To Bring a Friend to Meet Jesus...

*John 9:1-2* <sup>1</sup>As he went along, he saw a man blind from birth. <sup>2</sup>His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

**1. You will have to win their trust.**

<sup>2</sup>They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them.

**2. You will undoubtedly face some barriers.**

**3. You can't be in a hurry.**

<sup>4</sup>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.

**4. You will have to take some risks.**

## II. The Benefits of Bringing a Friend to Meet Jesus:

<sup>5</sup>When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, "Son, your sins are forgiven."

**1. Your own faith will grow as you exercise it.**

**2. You build friendships as you do God's work with others.**

<sup>10b</sup>So he said to the man, <sup>11</sup>"I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." <sup>12</sup>He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all.

**3. You get to see your friend's life forever changed.**

<sup>12b</sup>This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

**4. You experience the joy of being used by God.**