

MESSAGE NOTES

On Mission series: Community

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How do you respond when others are in the bottom of the ninth?

We fail to respond because:

- We are _____ it's not us.
- We helped _____.
- We don't have _____.
- We have no idea _____.

Our response should be marked by extraordinary _____ and _____.

Faith is best expressed through _____.

If we bring _____ to someone, something _____ will happen.

Be the _____ to _____ who needs _____.

Bottom-of-the-ninth friends tear the roof off to _____ you.

Bottom-of-the-ninth friends tear the roof off to make sure that God has not _____.

Bottom-of-the-ninth friends don't just think about you, but they tear the roof off to _____.

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CONNECT GROUP DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

For the week of September 25, 2022

GETTING STARTED _____

1. If you had a day to do anything you wanted to do, what would it be?
2. When you think of someone you know who truly serves and cares for others, what words, actions or character qualities would you use to describe them?

DIGGING DEEPER _____

1. On Sunday, we learned about the familiar story of the four friends who cared about their friend so much that they went to great lengths to ensure he had an encounter with Jesus. Read **Mark 2:1-5** and answer the following questions.

What evidence do you see in this passage that these four men were “ON MISSION” to make sure their paralyzed friend had an encounter with Jesus?

Why is meeting the needs of the hurt and the helpless so important for us as followers of Christ?

How did the obstacles confronting the friends compare with the obstacles that hinder believers today from caring for others?

2. Read **Philippians 2:1-4**. Paul talked about humbly living for others. What did Paul tell us as to why we should have this “live for others” mindset?

How well do you think you’re doing living for others?

3. A great example of someone putting others first can be found in the Old Testament story of a woman named Ruth. Read **Ruth 1:1-22** and jot down some of the costs that Ruth had to pay to stay and help Naomi.

How do you think you would have responded if you were in Ruth's situation?

What are some possible reasons a person would be willing to do what Ruth did?

PRACTICAL APPLICATION _____

1. In **Philippians 2:1-4**, the Apostle Paul points to all that God has done for us as the primary motivation for being willing to take on a humble servant's role. What are some things God has done for you that you are particularly thankful for?
2. As a result of Pastor Clay's message, what is something you can do to get "On Mission" and begin to serve and care for those around you?

PRAYER REQUESTS _____

