

CLOSE TO HOME

LUKE 4:38-41

*“Hold everything in your hands lightly,
otherwise it hurts when God pries your fingers open.”
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1. God has already _____
people right to us...

...and they appealed to him **on her behalf**.

Go Deeper: Re-read the story in Luke 4:38-41. Are there people in your life right now that you are *appealing to Jesus on their behalf*? If you were to think about it, what is one name of one person who you have in your life that does not know Jesus? If the answer is no one, what can you start doing to make yourself available to non-Christians?

2. ... so that we can _____
them to Jesus.

[40] Now when the sun was setting, all those **who had any** who were sick with various diseases **brought them to him**, and he laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.

Go Deeper: In what ways does discouragement set in when we are trying to *bring people to Jesus*? How does your lifestyle show off Jesus? In what ways can you “show Him off” more?



3. Bringing people to Jesus has to be a _____, not an event.

Acts 17:26-28 [26] And he made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place, [27] that they should seek God, and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him. Yet he is actually not far from each one of us, [28] for “‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said, “‘For we are indeed his offspring.’”

Go Deeper: What does it look like for you to “fish in your own backyard?” How do you see your life as missional? What ways do you step into that calling and in what ways do you not? Re-read and discuss Acts 17 above. If you were preaching a sermon on that passage, what would you highlight?
