

Mark 2:1-12

A. Break through the ceiling in evangelism

Verse 1 – “they heard that he had come home”

- People were interested, people were talking
- Such a large crowd gathered that they could not get in the door!

We cannot be ashamed of the gospel! God wants to see this world saved. His heart aches for the lost.

Never stop wearing Christ in the way you live. Never stop sharing. Never stop talking to people.

How is my personal evangelism?

How is my campus' evangelism?

B. Break through the ceiling in our communication of the gospel

Preach *radically*!

- Go after sin (sexual sin, laziness, lying, everything)
- Against religious people

Jesus went after sin and the religious radically and powerfully! We cannot be overcome by timidity, pressure, false doctrine, etc.

C. Break through in conversions

Many conversions will take place by breaking through barriers.

Am I desperate (and are my people desperate) to get people in front of Jesus?

I must believe...

- That my ministry can grow
- That my school can grow

We may need to be the change in our ministry

- Story of Roger Banister
 - According to legend, experts said for years that the human body was simply not capable of a 4-minute mile. It wasn't just dangerous; it was impossible. Further legends held that people had tried for over a *thousand* years to break the barrier, even tying bulls behind them to increase the incentive to do the impossible.
 - In the 1940's, the mile record was pushed to 4:01, where it stood for nine years, as runners struggled with the idea that maybe, just maybe, the experts had it right. Perhaps the human body had reached its limit.
 - But on May 6, 1954, Roger Bannister **broke** the 4-minute barrier, running the distance in 3 minutes and 59.4 seconds. As part of his training, he relentlessly

- visualized the achievement in order to create a sense of certainty in his mind and body.
- **Barely a year after Bannister's accomplishment, someone else ran a mile in under 4 minutes.** Then some more runners did. Now, it's almost routine. Even strong high-schoolers today run 4-minute miles.

You want a breakthrough – you want to see something done – you go out and get it done! Then imagine the chain reaction that could cause.

D. Break through the ceiling in your faith

Mark 9:23 – “If you can?”

Mark 10:26-27 – “all things are possible with God”

John 20:27 – Jesus – “stop doubting and believe”

Borrow someone else's faith if needed!

In closing: **Mark 11:22-25**