



Bottom of the Ninth
PART 4: Great Mates
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INTRODUCTION

How should you respond when others face bottom-of-the-ninth moments? What do you say in the face of people's loss and pain? What can you do to try to ease their suffering? How can you offer hope? It's not about saying something or doing something. It's about being someone.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What are some reasons other people's bottom-of-the-ninth moments make us uncomfortable?
2. How do you tend to respond to other people's bottom-of-the-ninth moments? Would you change that tendency if you could? Why or why not?
3. Talk about a time when someone was facing loss or pain and you didn't know what to say or do. How did you eventually respond? Is there anything you would do differently?
4. Read Mark 2:1–12. What stands out to you about Jesus' interactions with the paralyzed man, His friends, or the religious leaders? In what ways does this story challenge your assumptions about faith and having a relationship with God?
5. During the message, Jason said, "The best way to express your faith is to put it into action." Do you agree? Why or why not?
6. Think of someone who is currently facing a bottom-of-the-ninth moment. What can you do this week to be the body of Christ for that person? How can this group support you?

MOVING FORWARD

The church is the body of Christ. When someone we know is facing a bottom-of-the-ninth moment, if we can get him or her to Jesus, something good will happen. Imagine the impact we could make if we were able to be the body, to somebody, who needs somebody. Imagine the impact we could make if we responded to others' bottom-of-the-ninth moments with extraordinary compassion and generosity.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

1 Corinthians 12:27

