

EACH ONE REACH ONE

DISCUSSION GUIDE 1

ABOUT THIS SERIES

Who can you reach?

There are billions of people on the planet, and God is on a desperate rescue mission to save each and every one of them. But the plan seems so big and complex, it can be easy for Christians to forget their assignment is quite simple.

This March, join St. Mark for our series Each One Reach One and learn how to reach the one you can like no one can. You'll be discover who you are called to reach, why you're called to reach them, and how to reach them in a way that's simple, non-threatening, and effective.

God wants no one to perish, so he asks each one to reach one.

ITEMS NEEDED

Bibles

CHECKLIST BEFORE YOUR GROUP ARRIVES

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pray for your group | <input type="checkbox"/> Read through the Discussion Guide | <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments (optional) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Clean meeting area | <input type="checkbox"/> Clean bathroom | <input type="checkbox"/> Crack front door |

OPENING (10 MIN)

After a general welcome, say: For today's icebreaker, let's ask—

HOW OFTEN DO YOU LOSE YOUR PHONE—ALWAYS, SOMETIMES, OR NEVER?

After a brief discussion, say: Well, we're in a series all about finding lost things called *Each One Reach One*. We probably know we should reach others, but it's easier said than done. In this series we're going to remind ourselves why the mission matters, how we can get better at it, and who it matters for. Today, we're going to cover two foundational ideas we need to remember before we get into the details of reaching others.

Before we get into all of that, let's pray.

OPENING PRAYER (1 MIN)

Host, lead the group in prayer, asking God to bless your time together.

HEART FOR ONE (10-15 MIN)

After a prayer, say: Before we talk about the how-to or the who-for, we need to start by reminding ourselves of God's heart for mission. Because our heart to reach one begins with God's heart for each one. First, let's read these harder verses and answer the question:

NAME THE CONDITION JESUS CLAIMS ABOUT US IN THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

LUKE 19:10

JOHN 9:39

MATTHEW 8:12

JOHN 3:18

WHAT WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE YOUR EMOTIONS ABOUT THESE CLAIM?

CAN SOMEONE READ EZEKIEL 36:26 ALOUD FOR US?

After the reading, say: Don't miss this—the reason you feel the painful emotions you feel about our condition apart from Christ is because THAT'S THE HEART OF GOD WITHIN YOU. He hurts for the lost, the blind, and the perishing. So much so, that he did something about it even though it cost him everything.

SENT ONE (10-15 MIN)

But we need more than just God's heart within us to reach one. We could still think that's a job for religious officials. But God commanded each of us to go. Every saint is sent, and sent to send a message about Jesus!

CAN SOMEONE READ JOHN 20:21 AND SOMEONE ELSE READ ACTS 1:8 ALOUD FOR US?

After the reading, say: If you'll notice, the sending is less about the destination and more about the message—we give witness to Jesus' death and resurrection as we go. On Sunday, we hear that wherever we are, we are sent to send a message about Jesus.

WHERE DO YOU TEND TO FORGET THAT YOU'RE SENT? THINK OF THE MUNDANE PLACES IN LIFE...

WHY ARE FAITH CONVERSATIONS WITH LOST LOVED ONE HARD FOR YOU IN PARTICULAR?

WHEN HAVE YOU NOTICED A DIFFERENCE BETWEEN BRINGING UP "GOD" IN A CONVERSATION VERSUS BRINGING UP THE NAME OF "JESUS" IN A CONVERSATION WITH LOST LOVED ONES?

After a discussion, say: In the coming weeks we'll get into the tactics of reaching people, but it's important that we started here, with God's heart and God's command to reaching people.

CLOSING PRAYER (5 – 7 MIN)

After a discussion, say: As we close today, we're going to pray that we would feel God's heart and follow God's command to reach the lost.

ARE THERE ANY OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS?

Host, after taking prayer requests, close the group in prayer. Begin by asking God to give us a heart to feel his heart and honor his command to reach the lost.