

EACH ONE REACH ONE

DISCUSSION GUIDE 2

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—

WHAT'S THE BEST OR MOST EXCLUSIVE EVENT YOU'VE EVER BEEN INVITED TO?

After a brief discussion, say: In part two of our evangelism series called *Each One Reach One* we're going to talk about inviting one and praying for one.

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.

INVITE ONE (10-15 MIN)

After a prayer, say: Let's start by reading an example from the life of Jesus.

CAN SOMEONE READ JOHN 1:43-46 ALOUD FOR US?

After the reading, say: Sometimes the idea of "reaching one" can feel like a project or a debate. But, in reality, it's more like an invitation. Philip didn't debate Nathaniel about the pros and cons of Nazareth or the nuances of Messianic prophecies. He simply invited him to "come and see".

HOW DOES IT MAKE IT EASIER FOR YOU TO BE AN EVANGELIST IF YOU THINK OF IT AS JUST INVITING OTHERS TO EXPERIENCE SOMETHING FOR THEMSELVES?

FLIP IT—HOW DOES IT MAKE IT EASIER ON THOSE YOU'RE INVITING?

After a discussion, say: On Sunday we talked about the 4 Nots to be inviting—inviting those who say:

“I’m NOT from around here.”

“I’m NOT_religious.”

“I’ve NOT been to church in a while.”

“things are NOT going well.”

DOES ANYONE NEW COME TO MIND AS YOU HEAR THESE 4 NOTS TO INVITE?**PRAY FOR ONE (10-15 MIN)**

After a discussion, say: After we’ve invited someone, we’re not done. We need to pray for those who do not have faith in Jesus! But more than praying FOR them, we’re supposed to pray THAT. In particular, there are 6 things to pray THAT would happen:

I’ll call out a verse, we’ll read it, and then we’ll say the THAT this Scripture tells us to pray for those we invite.

JOHN 6:44

THAT GOD WOULD DRAW THEM.

ROMANS 10:14-15

THAT GOD WOULD SEND HIS WORD TO THEM.

MATTHEW 13:9

THAT THEY WOULD HAVE EARS TO HEAR.

2 CORINTHIANS 4:4

THAT THEY WOULD HAVE EYES TO SEE.

ISAIAH 55:1-2

THAT THEY WOULD FEEL EMPTY.

MATTHEW 12:28-30

THAT GOD WOULD BIND THE STRONG MAN.

After the reading, say: There may be more things we can pray for those who do not have faith in Jesus, but this is a good start.

WHICH ONE OF THESE 6 THATS TO PRAY CHALLENGES YOU THE MOST AND WHY?**CLOSING PRAYER (5 – 7 MIN)**

After a discussion, say: Today, we’re going to close our time together by naming in prayer the people in our life who do not have faith in Jesus that we are inviting to church, and then we’re going to pray these 6 THAT’S for them.

BUT FIRST, ARE THERE ANY OTHER PRAYER REQUESTS?

Host, after taking prayer requests, close the group in prayer:

Heavenly Father, we come to you now with our prayer requests... *Pray for your group’s prayer requests. Then—*

We also take a moment now, God, to lift up the names of the people we know who do not have faith in Jesus. Including... *Give the group time to name aloud the people in their life who do not have faith in Jesus.*

We ask Lord, THAT you would draw them to you. That you would give them the gift of faith.

We ask Lord, THAT you would send your Word to them. Your Word about their need for you, what you've done for them, and the good news of Christ's resurrection.

We ask Lord, THAT you would give them ears to hear that Word. Good soil without stones or thorns.

We ask Lord, THAT you would give them eyes to see, that the light would pierce the darkness of wisdom and philosophy that clouds their judgment.

We ask Lord, THAT you would make them feel empty in the things of this world apart from Jesus.

Finally, we ask Lord THAT you would bind the strong man of any forces of evil that have them in bondage, that you may come liberate them.

Save, Lord! Let. Your kingdom come to them. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.