

WHY ONE MATTERS

Share: Get Talking

- What is something you've lost that took way too long to find? (Keys, phone, remote, sanity...)
- What is one hobby or activity that instantly makes you happy?
- Think about a time when someone went out of their way to pursue or care for you. What did that mean to you?

Study: Go Deeper

Ask: What word, phrase, or idea stood out to you this time? Why?

1. God Pursues the One- Read: Luke 15:1-4

- Who were the people gathering around Jesus in verse 1? Why do you think they were drawn to Him?
- Why were the Pharisees and teachers of the law complaining about Jesus in verse 2?
- In the parable, what does the shepherd do when one sheep goes missing?
- What does this story reveal about God's heart for people who are far from Him?
- In your own heart, what attitudes sometimes keep you from pursuing people who are spiritually lost?
- Who is one person in your life who may be far from God right now?

2. God Carries the One- Read: Luke 15:5

- What does the shepherd do after finding the lost sheep?
- Why is the image of the shepherd carrying the sheep on his shoulders significant?
- What does this picture teach us about how Jesus treats people when He finds them?
- Have you ever experienced a season when Jesus carried you through something difficult? What was that like?
- Many people need more than just hearing about Jesus—they need someone to walk with them spiritually. Why is that important?
- What are some practical ways we can walk alongside someone who is exploring faith or new to following Jesus? (Examples could include: Inviting them to church, Reading Scripture together, Meeting for coffee and conversation, Including them in community, etc)
- Is there someone you could begin walking with spiritually right now?

3. God Celebrates the One- Read: Luke 15:6-7

- What does the shepherd do after he finds the sheep?
- According to verse 7, what happens in heaven when one sinner repents?
- Why do you think heaven celebrates repentance so greatly?
- Do we celebrate spiritual transformation the same way heaven does? Why or why not?
- When was the last time you celebrated someone taking a step toward Jesus (salvation, baptism, growth, etc.)?

Support: Grow Together

- When have you most clearly experienced God pursuing you in your life? How did He draw you back to Himself?
- How have you seen God moving in your Growth Group?
- How can we pray for/ encourage you this week?

SHARE WITH YOUR ONE

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- What is the best restaurant you have ever eaten at? What about the experience made it so unforgettable?
- What is one place you've traveled that you would recommend everyone visit at least once?
- Who is the person who first invited you to church or helped you grow spiritually?

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1. Share with Humility- Read: John 9:8-17

- What questions do the neighbors ask the man who had been healed?
- How does the man initially describe what happened to him?
- Why do you think the Pharisees struggled to accept the miracle?
- Notice that the man doesn't claim to know everything—he simply shares what happened to him. Why is humility important when sharing about Jesus?
- Sometimes pride or fear of looking foolish keeps us from sharing our faith. Which do you struggle with more, and why?
- How could your personal story of encountering Jesus help someone else begin to explore faith?

2. Share with Simplicity- Read: John 9:18-27

- How do the religious leaders respond when they question the man again?
- What simple statement does the man make in verse 25? “One thing I do know: I was blind, and now I see.”
- Why do we sometimes feel like we need all the answers before we can share our faith?
- What makes a simple testimony powerful?
- If someone asked you today, “What has Jesus done in your life?” what would you say?
- This week: Try to summarize your story of faith in a five minute presentation you could easily share in a conversation.

3. Share with Boldness- Read: John 9:28-34

- How do the religious leaders treat the man when he continues to speak about Jesus?
- What does the man courageously point out about Jesus in verses 30-33?
- What fears often keep Christians from speaking boldly about Jesus?
- Have you ever faced awkwardness, rejection, or pushback because of your faith? How did you respond?
- What helps you grow in spiritual courage when sharing your faith?
- How can our small group support one another in stepping out with greater boldness?

4. Share with Urgency- Read: John 9:35-38

- What does Jesus do after the man is cast out by the religious leaders?
- What question does Jesus ask him in verse 35?

- How does the man respond when he realizes who Jesus is?
- Why is it significant that Jesus pursues the man personally after everything that happened?
- What does this passage teach us about the urgency of helping people truly see who Jesus is?
- Who is one person in your life who may be spiritually searching right now?
- What is one intentional step you could take this week to help them see Jesus more clearly (invite them to church, ask spiritual questions, share your story, pray for them)?

Support: Grow Together

- Which of these areas do you most need God's help to grow in when sharing your faith—humility, simplicity, boldness, or urgency?
- Did you have any opportunities recently to talk about Jesus or your faith with someone?
- How can this group specifically support you in reaching your "one"? (Prayer, encouragement, practicing your testimony, inviting them to an event together, etc.)

BRING YOUR ONE

Share: Get Talking

- Who was the person God used in your life to help you first hear about or understand Jesus?
- Have you ever invited someone to church or talked with them about faith? What was that experience like?

Study: Go Deeper

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Why?

1. Meet Jesus Personally- Read: John 1:35-40

- What caused Andrew to begin following Jesus in this passage?
- Jesus asked Andrew a powerful question in verse 38: “What are you seeking?” Why do you think Jesus asked this question?
- What are some things people today seek in life that they believe will bring satisfaction?
- Why is it important that Andrew met Jesus personally before bringing someone else to Him?
- When did your relationship with Jesus become personal rather than just informational?
- What is one way you can intentionally spend time with Jesus this week (Scripture, prayer, worship, journaling, etc.)?

2. Reach Out Relationally- Read: John 1:41

- Who is the first person Andrew goes to after meeting Jesus?
- Why do you think Andrew immediately went to someone he already knew?
- What does Andrew say to his brother Simon about Jesus?
- The Gospel can be summarized in these truths: God loves us, Our sin separates us from Him, Jesus died for our sins, Jesus rose again, Anyone who trusts in Him can be saved. Why is it helpful to understand the Gospel in these simple terms?
- Why do you think it can sometimes be harder to talk about Jesus with people we know well?
- What fears or obstacles often keep Christians from sharing their faith?
- Write down one person God has placed in your life who may not know Jesus.
- What type of relationship do you already have with that person that could open the door for a spiritual conversations?
- What is one small step you could take this week to strengthen that relationship?

3. Bring Them to Jesus Boldly- Read: John 1:42

- What simple action did Andrew take with his brother?
- What happened when Simon met Jesus?
- What does this passage teach us about the power of a simple invitation?
- How did Andrew's small act eventually impact thousands of people through Peter's ministry?
- When you think about inviting someone to church or sharing the Gospel, what emotions do you feel?

- Why do you think boldness often requires stepping forward even when we feel afraid?
- What is one practical way you could bring your “one” closer to Jesus?
 - Invite them to church
 - Invite them to a Growth Group
 - Share your testimony
 - Pray with them
 - Ask spiritual questions
- Is there a specific event coming up (like Easter) where inviting them might feel natural?
- As a group, take a moment to pray for each person’s “one.”

Support: Grow Together

- What has been competing for your affection for Christ lately (busyness, worry, success, comfort, approval, etc.)?
- What is one specific way we can pray for your “one”?
- How can this group support or pray for you as you pursue that person relationally?