

ONE MORE

Aligning Your Life with God's Heart for People

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

7 Weeks • 90 Minutes Per Session

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“Follow Jesus and lead others to do the same.”

SMALL GROUP LEADER'S GUIDE

THE VISION

Welcome to what could be the most important weeks in your group's spiritual journey this year.

This isn't just another study. It's a call to rediscover why we're here – why Jesus left us on earth instead of taking us straight to heaven when we believed. The answer is simple but life-changing: we're here for the ones who aren't yet there.

Over the coming weeks, we want to inspire and equip everyone at Horizon West – including you and every person in your group – to live radically aligned with the Great Commission. That means three things:

- **Developing God's heart for His lost children.** Moving from indifference to compassion. From comfort to courage.
- **Identifying your One.** That specific person God has placed in your relational reach who needs to experience His love.
- **Living with intentionality.** Sharing life, sharing stories, and sharing Jesus naturally and authentically with people who are far from Him.

The goal isn't to turn everyone into a professional evangelist. It's to help ordinary people discover that sharing Jesus is the natural overflow of a life transformed by His love.

YOUR ROLE AS LEADER

You're not just facilitating discussions. You're casting vision and modeling courage. Your group will follow where you lead.

1. Go First in Vulnerability

When you share honestly about your own fears, failures, and growing edges around evangelism, you give others permission to do the same. This isn't about pretending you have it figured out. It's about being real.

- Share your own One and how you're praying for them
- Admit when you've missed opportunities or stayed silent out of fear
- Celebrate small steps of courage, not just big conversion stories

2. Create a Safe Space for Honest Struggle

Many people carry shame around evangelism – from past failures or from never doing it at all. Your group needs to be a place where people can express doubt without judgment, ask questions without embarrassment, admit fear without feeling condemned, and process setbacks without losing heart.

Safety doesn't mean avoiding challenge. It means challenging people in the context of grace.

3. Keep the Focus on Jesus and People, Not Methods

This study isn't primarily about techniques or formulas. It's about deepening love for Jesus so sharing Him flows naturally, growing compassion for people so you see them through God's eyes, and taking practical steps that move you from learning to doing.

4. Celebrate Every Step Forward

Transformation happens incrementally. When people identify their One for the first time, pray for someone by name consistently, have a spiritual conversation even if it's awkward, invite someone to church or to coffee, or share their testimony even imperfectly – celebrate it. Small steps of obedience are huge victories. Make sure your group knows that.

5. Pray for Your Group Members

Pray specifically for each person by name throughout the week. That God would place a One on their heart. For opportunities to share their faith. For courage to speak when doors open. For spiritual breakthrough in the lives of those they're praying for.

Your prayers matter more than your leadership skills.

HOW EACH SESSION WORKS

Each week, your group members will have completed five daily devotionals from the book. Each devotional includes Bible reading, teaching content, and reflection questions. In your group, you'll work through one discussion question per day.

Why this works: people come prepared. They've already read and reflected – you're not teaching new content, you're processing what they've already lived. What they discovered alone gets enriched through conversation. And knowing they'll discuss specific questions makes them more motivated to do the daily work.

Session Structure

- Opening and Icebreaker (10 minutes)
- Opening Prayer (5 minutes)
- Discussion – one question per day (45 to 50 minutes)
- Leader's Final Word (5 minutes)
- Closing Prayer – pray for Ones by name (5 to 10 minutes)

IMPORTANT

Confidentiality is a key to a great group experience. Establish it clearly in Session 1 and reinforce it throughout. What's shared in the group stays in the group.

FACILITATION TIPS

Draw Out the Quiet Ones

Some people process internally and need direct invitation to share. Use their name. "Sarah, I'd love to hear your thoughts on this." "Marcus, you've been thoughtful – what's coming up for you?" Give them the moment.

Redirect the Talkers

Some people process externally and can dominate. "That's really helpful, John. Let's hear from someone who hasn't shared yet." If someone consistently takes over, have a kind conversation with them privately.

Manage Disagreements Wisely

When people disagree on approach or theology, affirm that Christians can have different styles and still be effective. Keep the focus on the core: people need Jesus and we're called to share Him. Don't let secondary issues derail the primary mission.

Press Beyond Surface Answers

When someone gives a vague response, go deeper. "Can you say more about that?" "What would that look like practically this week?" "What makes that challenging for you?" The best discussions happen beneath the surface.

Normalize Failure and Fear

When people share missed opportunities or ongoing fear, thank them for their honesty, share similar struggles, and remind them that God uses imperfect, available people. Reframe “failure” as “learning” and “fear” as “opportunity for faith.”

End with Action

Every session should close with a clear, concrete next step. Changed lives come from applied truth, not just discussed truth.

WHAT TO EXPECT EACH WEEK

Week 1: The Radical Choice

Your group will identify their One and begin praying for them. Expect some discomfort as people realize they haven’t been living aligned with the Great Commission. Celebrate honesty and coach toward hope.

Week 2: Living Your Mission

You’ll explore practical ways to love and engage with people far from God. Some may feel overwhelmed by hospitality expectations. Remind them to start small and be themselves.

Week 3: Stepping Into the Adventure

This week focuses on being God’s ambassador in everyday life. Expect energy as people realize they’re already positioned for impact.

Week 4: The Art of Connection

You’ll develop conversational skills – asking questions, listening well, sharing stories. Try some role-playing if your group is comfortable. Practice makes progress.

Week 5: Opening Your Mouth

This is where the rubber meets the road – actually talking about Jesus. Expect anxiety. Provide a lot of encouragement. Share your own nervousness and how you’re pushing through it.

Week 6: Pressing Through Resistance

You’ll address objections, hard questions, and potential costs. People may share discouraging stories or express real fear. Anchor them in prayer and remind them of God’s faithfulness.

YOUR MOST IMPORTANT JOB

GO FIRST.

- Be the first to identify your One.
- Be the first to share a spiritual conversation you had – successful or not.
- Be the first to admit fear or failure.
- Be the first to pray boldly for someone by name.
- Be the first to take a risk.

Your courage will inspire their courage. Your vulnerability will create space for theirs. Your obedience will model what faithfulness looks like.

You don't have to be perfect. You just have to be willing.

A FINAL WORD TO YOU

Thank you for leading. Thank you for caring about your people enough to invest in their spiritual growth. Thank you for saying yes to this.

Leading this study will stretch you. It will surface your own fears and hesitations around evangelism. That's not accidental – God wants to grow you too.

But here's what will happen: as you watch your group step out in faith, pray for their Ones, have their first spiritual conversations, and see God work through them – you'll experience a joy unlike anything else in ministry.

There is no greater privilege than helping people discover that they were made for this.

Lead with confidence. Lead with compassion. Lead with courage.

"I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ."

– Philemon 1:6

WEEK 1 • THE RADICAL CHOICE

WHO IS YOUR ONE?

Aligning with the Great Commission

Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20 • Acts 1:8 • Luke 19:10

SESSION GOAL

Get the group connected and introduce the premise. Help every person walk away with a specific name – their One – already forming in their mind. No pre-reading required.

ICEBREAKER (10 MIN)

If you could have dinner with anyone – living or dead – and share one life-changing truth with them, who would it be and what would you want them to know?

CORE DISCUSSION (45 MIN)

Day 1: Aligning Your Life with the Great Commission

1. Look at your calendar and spending from the past month. What do they reveal about your actual priorities? What one adjustment could better align you with making disciples?

Day 2: Love-Driven Mission

2. How could you enter into the world of someone God has placed in your life who might be far from Him? What would it take to genuinely understand where they're coming from?

Day 3: The Heart for the One

3. What specific name is God placing on your heart to be your One in this season? What feelings come up when you think about focusing on this person?

Day 4: One-Aware

4. Look at your calendar for the next week. Where could you create space to invest in your One? What specific action will you commit to taking?

Day 5: When We Weep, God Works

5. What fears or hesitations do you have about allowing God to break your heart for what breaks His?

LEADER'S FINAL WORD

This week we've explored what it means to radically align our lives with God's mission. You've identified your One – the person God has placed on your heart. Now comes the next part: taking action. Start praying for them daily by name. Look for natural ways to deepen your relationship with them this week. God isn't asking you to be perfect – just available. He's with you in this.

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK

Write down your One's name somewhere you'll see it every day – your phone, a sticky note, your journal.

Pray for them by name every day this week. Ask God to soften their heart and show you one way to love them better.

Start the Week 2 devotions (Days 1 through 5) before next week's gathering.

CLOSING PRAYER

Ask each person to say their One's first name out loud. Just the name. Then pray over every name together. If someone doesn't have a name yet, pray that God puts someone on their heart before next week.

WEEK 2 • LIVING YOUR MISSION

LOVE IN ACTION

Hospitality, Everyday Witness and the Ministry of the Table

Scripture: Romans 2:1-4 • Luke 5:27-32 • 1 Corinthians 10:31-33 • Acts 2:42-47

SESSION GOAL

Move from internal motivation to external action. What does it look like to actually love people who are far from God, open our tables, and let our ordinary lives become a mission field?

NOTE FOR LEADERS

Start by asking how prayer for their One has gone this week. Don't skip it. That check-in sets the culture of accountability for the whole series.

ICEBREAKER (10 MIN)

What's the most memorable meal you've ever shared with someone? Not the food – what made it stick?

CORE DISCUSSION (45 MIN)

Day 1: Love the Sinner

1. What fears come up when you consider close friendships with people whose values differ from yours? How might your hesitation reveal areas where you don't fully trust God's work in your own life?

Day 2: If Christianity Were a Person

2. What aspects of your story might help others connect with Jesus if you were willing to share them?

Day 3: The Ministry of the Table

3. Look at your calendar for the next month. Who could you intentionally invite to share a meal – someone outside the faith community, your One, or someone you've been meaning to get to know?

Day 4: Everyday Glory

4. How could your actions this week better reflect Christ to someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus?

Day 5: The Power of Plausible Community

5. What gathering could you host in the next month that would naturally bring together friends from your Christian and non-Christian circles?

LEADER'S FINAL WORD

This week revealed how everyday life becomes our mission field. You've thought about opening your table, your time, and your authentic self to others. The world doesn't need more programs – it needs your genuine presence. This week, take one concrete step: invite someone to share a meal, introduce friends from different circles, or simply be more intentional about letting your light shine. Small acts of love create space for God to work.

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK

Invite your One – or someone outside your faith community – to share a meal or coffee. No agenda. Just show up as a friend.

Identify one place in your week where you're mostly surrounded by Christians. Ask: how could I open that space to someone outside my faith community?

Read Week 3 devotions before next session.

CLOSING PRAYER

Ask each person to share one name – someone God is nudging them toward. Pray over those names together.

WEEK 3 • STEPPING INTO THE ADVENTURE

POSITIONED FOR MISSION

Adventure, Identity and Influence

Scripture: Acts 16:6-15 • Acts 1:1-9 • 2 Corinthians 5:16-21 • Matthew 5:13-16

SESSION GOAL

Discover that mission isn't a burden you carry on top of your life. It's built into the life you're already living. Map your Reach Zone. Own your identity as an ambassador. Let the adventure begin.

ICEBREAKER (10 MIN)

What's the most spontaneous or unexpected adventure you've ever been on? What made it memorable?

CORE DISCUSSION (45 MIN)

Day 1: Signing Up for the Great Adventure

1. What changes when you see evangelism as an adventure instead of an obligation? What emotions come up when you think about it that way?

Day 2: Your Reach Zone

2. How does seeing your current circumstances as a mission field change your perspective on your Monday through Friday?

Day 3: Being an Ambassador for Christ

3. How is being an "ambassador for Christ" a richer image than being a salesperson, a debater, or a teacher? What are the implications for how you actually share your faith?

Day 4: Seasoned to Shine

4. When have you most clearly felt your "saltiness" or "brightness" making a difference in someone's life?

Day 5: The Gospel You Live

5. What habit might be quietly undermining your witness right now? What one step could you take this week to bring greater alignment between what you believe and how you actually live?

LEADER'S FINAL WORD

This week you've discovered that God has strategically positioned you as His ambassador in places no one else can reach. You've mapped your Reach Zone and identified where He's calling you to be salt and light. The adventure isn't about adding more to your schedule – it's about bringing Kingdom purpose to the life you're already living. This week, embrace one divine interruption. Let one distraction become a divine appointment. Watch what God does when you're available.

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK

Finish your Reach Zone map. Write at least one name in each circle and put it somewhere you'll actually see it.

Hold your schedule loosely for one day. When an interruption comes, ask: "Is this a divine appointment?"

Read Week 4 devotions before next session.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray over each other's Reach Zones. Ask God to open divine appointments in the week ahead and for the courage to recognize and step into them.

WEEK 4 • THE ART OF CONNECTION

REAL CONVERSATIONS

Questions, Listening and Story

Scripture: Luke 19:1-10 • Luke 10:25-37 • James 1:19-25 • Acts 22:1-21

SESSION GOAL

Get practical about conversations. How do you ask questions that open doors instead of closing them? How do you listen with real love? And how do you share your story in a way that actually lands?

ICEBREAKER (10 MIN)

What's one question someone asked you that led to a surprisingly deep or meaningful conversation?

CORE DISCUSSION (45 MIN)

Day 1: The Engagement Pathway

1. Think of a relationship that could go deeper. What specific next step could you take this week – not someday, this week?

Day 2: Questions That Transform

2. What is one relationship in your life where you could practice asking more thoughtful questions this week? What's one question you've been afraid to ask?

Day 3: Listening with Love

3. Identify one person you struggle to really listen to. What's actually getting in the way? What one step could you take with them this week?

Day 4: The Power of Story

4. What chapter of your faith story needs more reflection so you can share it more effectively? What aspects of your testimony might most directly connect with the people in your current circle?

Day 5: When Truth Wears Skin

5. People can debate your theology, but they can't argue with what Jesus has done in your life. What's the one thing He's done that you could say clearly and without hesitation?

LEADER'S FINAL WORD

This week you've learned that transformation happens through conversation – but not just any conversation. It happens when we ask better questions, listen with genuine care, and share authentic stories. This week, focus on one relationship: ask deeper questions, really listen to the answers, and when the time is right, share a piece of your story. Remember – people can debate your theology, but they can't argue with what Jesus has done in your life.

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK

Write out your testimony – your salvation story or a situation story – in 2 to 3 minutes. Practice saying it out loud. Time yourself.

In one conversation this week, ask a real question and then just listen. Don't redirect. Don't fix. Don't give your view. Just listen until the other person is actually done.

Read Week 5 devotions before next session.

CLOSING PRAYER

Invite one or two people to share their testimony with the group as practice. Then pray asking God for opportunities to share stories in the week ahead.

WEEK 5 • OPENING YOUR MOUTH

SPEAKING UP

Loving Enough to Actually Say Something

Scripture: Romans 10:13-15 • Colossians 4:2-6 • John 4:1-42 • 2 Timothy 1:7-8

SESSION GOAL

Name the excuses. Face the fears. Practice saying something. And learn to recognize divine interruptions before they walk out the door.

NOTE FOR LEADERS

Expect anxiety this week. This is the session where the rubber meets the road. Provide a lot of encouragement. Share your own nervousness and how you're pushing through it.

ICEBREAKER (10 MIN)

If you could tell your younger self one truth about sharing faith that would have made it easier, what would it be?

CORE DISCUSSION (45 MIN)

Day 1: The Most Loving Thing You'll Ever Do

1. How can you prepare yourself to share your faith more effectively this week – not in theory, in your actual life?

Day 2: No Ordinary Conversation

2. Think about your One. What aspect of the gospel might speak specifically to their struggles or questions right now?

Day 3: The Art of Spiritual Conversations

3. What fears or hesitations do you have about starting a spiritual conversation? How does Jesus' example – starting with a cup of water, not a theological argument – help you?

Day 4: Divine Interruptions

4. What one change could you make to your daily routine to become more available for divine interruptions?

Day 5: Overcoming Our Excuses

5. What excuse has been holding you back most? What fear keeps your lips sealed when your heart wants to speak? How does 1 John 4:18 – “perfect love expels all fear” – speak to your specific fear?

LEADER'S FINAL WORD

This week you've confronted the excuses and fears that hold us back from sharing the greatest news ever told. Here's the truth: God isn't asking you to be eloquent or perfect. He's asking you to be available and obedient. This week, pray for one opportunity – and when it comes, take it. The conversation might be awkward, but your faithfulness will never be wasted. God uses willing hearts, not perfect words.

APPLICATION CHALLENGE

THIS WEEK

Practice sharing the gospel using one of the six methods from the book's resource section. Do it with someone in this group first.

Pray for one specific opportunity this week. When it comes, take it. Even if it's awkward. Especially if it's awkward.

Read Week 6 devotions before next session.

CLOSING PRAYER

Pray for courage, specifically and by name. Ask God for divine appointments in the week ahead and that each person in the room will step into them instead of away from them.

WEEK 6 • PRESSING THROUGH RESISTANCE

GOING THE DISTANCE

Prayer, Objections and the Beautiful Cost

Scripture: Acts 4:23-31 • 2 Timothy 2:23-26 • 1 Peter 3:13-17 • 2 Timothy 1:8-12

SESSION GOAL

Land the plane on prayer as the non-negotiable foundation. Learn to handle resistance without folding. Sit honestly with the cost of faithfulness. Celebrate what God has done.

NOTE FOR LEADERS

People may share discouraging stories or real fear this week. Don't rush past them. Anchor people in prayer and remind them of God's faithfulness. Make space for the celebration too – it's the last session.

ICEBREAKER (10 MIN)

What's something you've done that required real courage? What helped you push through?

WEEK IN REVIEW

Before the discussion questions, make space: what happened with your One over the past six weeks? What surprised you? What was harder than you expected?

CORE DISCUSSION (45 MIN)

Day 1: Before You Speak

1. What specific conversations, meetings, or situations coming up this week could be opportunities to ask God for boldness in sharing your faith?

Day 2: Winning Hearts, Not Arguments

2. Who in your life doesn't yet know Jesus? What's one way you can better understand their spiritual journey this week – without trying to fix or correct them?

Day 3: When Questions Leave You Speechless

3. What is one challenging question about Christianity you could research and prepare a thoughtful response for this week?

Day 4: Overcoming Barriers

4. Who in your life raises a specific objection to faith? How could you prepare to respond with both grace and real clarity?

Day 5: The Beautiful Cost

5. Is there a relationship or situation right now where you need courage to stay faithful in your witness? What would it look like to take that step?

LEADER'S FINAL WORD

This final week has prepared you for the reality that faithful witness sometimes meets real resistance. Remember: your job isn't to convert anyone – that's the Holy Spirit's work. Your job is to faithfully represent Jesus, love well, and speak truth with gentleness and respect. Some seeds you plant today may not bear fruit for years. But God wastes nothing. Go forward in courage, anchored in prayer, knowing that every faithful step matters eternally. The world needs your voice. Will you use it?

CLOSING CELEBRATION AND PRAYER

Make space to celebrate before you close. Invite two or three people to share a real moment from the past six weeks – a conversation that happened, a step of courage they took, something that surprised them about God or about themselves.

Then close in extended prayer:

- Each person prays out loud for their One by name.
- Pray for each other's courage to keep going past tonight.
- Thank God for the privilege of being the ones He chose to work through.

*"The world is full of people longing for peace and purpose.
God has a plan to reach them. The plan includes you."*

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