

Week of November 12¹ Reach One More

Overview:

For many years, God has called CCC to be on the front lines of making disciples, reaching the lost in Omaha, and supporting God's mission to bring the best news ever to the least-reached people. When each person decides to reach one more in their neighborhood, school, or workplace, the kingdom multiplies. And when we give to **reach one more** across Omaha and around the world, that growth is exponential and lasts for generations.

Group Objectives:

Relationships and Life Transformation are the primary purpose of community groups.

- Reflect on this past Sunday's message and other devotional reading.
- Pray together and provide encouragement for other group members.
- Pray for spirit-filled boldness as you share the good news of Jesus with the one whom God is calling as your "one more."

DNA statement(s) tie-in:

- We are On Mission to Reach One More. Every person matters to God, so every person matters to us. God invites every one of us to join him in his great mission to reach one more one more coworker, neighbor, family member, and friends.
- We Bring the Best News Ever to the Least-Reached People. It is our privilege to take the gospel around the world. We focus on the hardest places in the world where all the odds are stacked against us.

Conversation Starters:

- What stood out to you from this week's sermon?
- Share about a time you decided to listen to God's call to step out in faith? (examples boldly speaking about Jesus, giving generously, demonstrating hospitality to those in need)
 - o What were the results? How were both you and the receiver blessed?

Listening to God

• Where did you experience God last week? How were you able to join God on mission?

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Learning from God's Word: Bible Study Discussion

Lost and hurting people matter to God. For those of us already connected at CCC, our relationships in community groups and opportunities to serve together have blessed us with belonging in the family of God. But others don't yet know the blessing of following Jesus or the benefit of community. We are uniquely positioned with influence and resources to reach people at CCC, in Omaha, and in the hardest-to-reach places on the planet. God invites us to join his mission in inviting others to join us.

Read Acts 4:23-31

- What stood out to you from these verses as we read them?
- In verse 23, what did Peter and John do? Why was that important?
- In verse 24, what was the first response of their people? How can understanding and following their example impact our lives?

Read Psalm 2:1-2

- What similarities do you notice with Acts 4:25-26?
- The believers prayed Old Testament scripture. How might this impact you?
 - o Are you encouraged to study the Old Testament more fully? Why or why not?

Read Acts 4:32-37

- What is the common theme throughout this passage of scripture?
- Who do you think is the motivation for the believers?
- How might non-believers see a difference if believers lived this way?
- What steps is Jesus calling you to take?

Reach One More Practice:

- Practice the boldness of the believers by sharing what Jesus has done for you.
 - o What are you learning about yourself in this season? What are you learning about God?
- How do you sense God calling you to respond to these passages?
 - o Is there an example to follow? A command to obey?
 - o How might you provide this month for someone who is in need?

Prayer Prompts:

- Invite members of the group to share requests.
- Allow time for silent reflection on the following prompts.
 - o Listen for and obey the leading of the Holy Spirit this week.

For further study:

- For more about the **Reach One More** initiative, see www.reachonemore.cccomaha.org
- For practical ideas you can implement as you reach one more, see https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLzdVE7HNsqM-FEzli5Etuzj379W7kUsxO
- Thomas A Kempis, *The Imitation of Christ*
- Bible Project videos:
 - Old Testament https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/old-testament-tanak/
 - New Testament https://bibleproject.com/explore/video/new-testament-overview/