

Week of November 19
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 about (re)submitting your life to Jesus.
- Pray for God's call to reach 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?
- God is honored when we are light bearers who shine for him. Share a time when you were a light bearer for God. What was the outcome?

Listening to God

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

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 20:22-25

- What stood out to you from these verses as we read them?
- In the passage, what was the Holy Spirit asking Paul to do?
- In verse 24, what does Paul mean to die to self (i.e., I consider my life worth nothing to me)?
- Jesus paid our debt of sin with the ultimate price his life. How does understanding his sacrifice for you change your willingness to submit to his authority?

Read Philippians 3:12-14

- What stood out to you from these verses as we read them?
- What is the key message of the passage?
- Do you find the passage encouraging? Why or why not?
- What similarities do you see between this passage in Philippians and the passage in Acts 20?

Reach One More Practice:

- God is calling us to be a light for Him and to reach our broken world.
 - o What step is God asking you to take to reach your "one more"?
 - o How is God asking you to reevaluate your finances (i.e., budget)?
 - o What ministry is God calling you to in Omaha? Around the world?
- 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?

Prayer Prompts:

- Invite members of the group to share requests.
- Allow time for silent reflection on the following prompts.
 - Follow the prompting of the Holy Spirit as he calls you to (re)submit your life to Jesus and to share your faith with a non-believer this week.

For further study:

- For more about the *Reach One More* initiative, see <u>www.reachonemore.cccomaha.org</u>
- 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: https://bibleproject.com/articles/how-does-the-bibles-story-lead-to-jesus/