One2One

Group Guide: Week 1

CONNECT BREAK THE ICE AND GET PEOPLE TALKING

- Who in your life doesn't know Jesus? What stops you from sharing the gospel with them?
- As it starts to warm up, what activities are you looking forward to most?

INTRODUCTION READ OUT LOUD TO YOUR GROUP

Every one of us is called to help others follow Jesus. God has put you in a specific place and given you relationships - in your workplace, in your family, in your neighborhood - in order that you can share his love with those who don't know him yet. However, for many of us, the idea of sharing the gospel is daunting.

During the next four weeks we will be doing a series designed to equip you share the gospel and help others follow Jesus. In each group you'll get the opportunity to hear testimonies from your fellow group members, and then you'll learn how to teach others about Jesus using the One2One book. The One2One book is just one great tool we have that makes sharing the gospel easier and helps someone young in their faith build some great foundations. By the end of this series, our hope is that you would feel equipped to lead someone else through the One2One book by yourself.

STORY TAKE TIME TO PRACTICE SHARING TESTIMONIES

Each week we will be giving people in our group an opportunity to share their 5 minute testimony. The hope is that this time helps us get to know each other a little better and gives us practice sharing our story with others. We'll set a timer to help people stay within the five minute limit; this is both to help get through everyone and so that people learn to share their testimony briefly with others. The more succinct you can be, the more likely a friend is to listen to your story!

If you need some prompts, here is an outline for sharing your testimony:

- 1. What was your life like before Christ? If you have been a Christian from a young age, what struggles and sins has Christ brought you through?
- 2. When did you start encountering Christ? What was the process like of accepting him as your Lord and Savior?
- 3. What has life been like since Christ saved you? How has he transformed you? How have you potentially continued to struggle?

LEADERS: We recommend that you consider going the first week to break the ice, and then pick 2 people / week to go after that, so that this takes roughly 10 minutes of group time each week! And for real, set a timer to keep people within their five minute limit :-)

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INTRODUCTION

Invite everyone to read through the introduction individually and answer the questions at the end of the chapter.

Discuss:

- [Inward Question] What parts of the story of Christianity do you have a hard time believing at times? How do you wrestle with those doubts and bring yourself back to the truth?
- [Outward Question] Why is it important to know someone's story when attempting the share the gospel?

CHAPTER 1 - SALVATION

Invite everyone to read through the introduction individually and answer the questions at the end of the chapter.

Discuss:

- [Inward Question] What do you find hard about following and obeying Jesus?
- [Outward Question] What parts of this presentation of salvation do you like? How would you explain salvation in your own words?

PRAY

Praise the Father who has written and is writing the story of the world. Praise Jesus who has earned salvation for all who will repent and believe. Praise the Spirit who reminds us of truth when we doubt and struggle. Pray that the sharing of our stories and walking through the One2One would encourage each of us to pursue lost people in our lives.