

# Each One Reach One

Broadway Life Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, February 28, 2010

**Look Outward** – Share the name of one person outside of the church that you would like to influence for Christ.

**Open** – How do you feel about establishing brand new relationships with people you don't know? Pros and Cons.

**Dig** –

With whom was Jesus eating in Levi's house in Luke 5:29?

Why did Jesus say he was associating with them?

Why were the religious leaders complaining about Jesus in Luke 15:1-2?

What story did Jesus tell in response to the complaints?

Which sheep did the shepherd go after?

When Jesus decided to speak to Zachaeus, what did he say to him?

What conclusion is made from the story of Zachaeus in Luke 19:10?

**Reflect** –

Do you believe it is possible for you to have some part in leading another person to Christ? Explain.

Finish this sentence: I meet a new friend at my son's soccer game who strikes me as a person who cares about right and wrong, but I may hesitate to pursue the relationship because...

How exactly does one begin a friendship with a stranger?

How do you decide whether you want to befriend a person or not? Explain.

Suggest some things you might do to begin to build a relationship with someone without being pushy?

What are some ways you might serve a new friend without seeming too presumptuous?

To what kinds of events might you feel comfortable inviting a new friend?

What kinds of situations might allow you to first bring up the matter of your faith or the church in a conversation?

Do you feel that it is ethical to purposely pursue a relationship with someone with the specific aim of leading him/her to Christ? Discuss. Isn't this a kind of manipulation?

Finish this sentence. Non-family relationships are easy for me because... or they are difficult for me because...

What kind of commitments and responsibilities do you think we have to a person if we begin a spiritual relationship and attempt to lead them to Christ?

**Things to Do** – Do you feel you are willing to try to begin the process of influencing another person for Christ? If so, how will you begin?

Luke 5:29-32

29 Then Levi held a great banquet for Jesus at his house, and a large crowd of tax collectors and others were eating with them. 30 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law who belonged to their sect complained to his disciples, "Why do you eat and drink with tax collectors and 'sinners'?" 31 Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. 32 I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance."

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Luke 15:1-7

15:1 Now the tax collectors and "sinners" were all gathering around to hear him. 2 But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." 3 Then Jesus told them this parable: 4 "Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? 5 And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders 6 and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, 'Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.' 7 I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

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Luke 19:5-10

5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a 'sinner.'" 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost."

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