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1 EVERY “1” IS LOST WITHOUT JESUS. Read Luke 19:10; Romans 3:10; 23. Jesus spoke of the lost openly and plainly. His parables of Luke 15 describe the lost in three ways. Like sheep, they get distracted and wander off. Like “coins” they are tossed into corners, cheapened and forgotten by careless and callous people. Like rebellious kids, they choose to walk off, forget God and seek fulfillment on their own terms. People are lost without Jesus. *Why do you think we try to “soften” the thought that people are lost like Jesus says? Why is it so important that we see others as “lost” without Jesus? What might you start doing differently to “see” people as “lost”?*

2 EACH “1” IS WORTH FINDING TO GOD. Read 1 Timothy 2:3,4; 2 Peter 3:9. The fact that Jesus speaks about seeking the lost implies value. Jesus came to validate God’s burden for every single “1” who is far from Him. Still today, people are on God’s radar even when they are not on ours because God wants the “lost” to be found! *Rehearse again the things God has done to declare His deep love for His creation. What might help you find the same kind of passion to feel that people really matter?*

3 NO “1” IS SO LOST THAT GRACE CANNOT FIND THEM. No 1 is too bad, too hopeless, too late for Jesus to save. **Read 1 Timothy 1:15; Romans 3:22; 2 Corinthians 5:17.** For some, there was a time when they could not have imagined becoming a follower of Jesus. Now they have a seat at God’s table. *Share your story of how God found you and broke through your defenses. Who did God use to bring you home? Name some ways you can prepare for God to use you to lead someone else home to Jesus.*

Who will you name as your “1”? Say a prayer for God to help you follow through on reaching out to your 1.





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1 EVERY “1” was introduced to Christ by somebody. Read **John 1:35-42**. Rick noted that “Andrew was the first disciple to deduce that Jesus was the Messiah.” In almost every case, someone comes along to supply the “voice” to what a person finds in the scripture. The Ethiopian Eunuch had the scripture but needed Philip to come. Cornelius received a vision, but needed Peter to show up. Paul saw Jesus from heaven but still needed Ananias to instruct him to be baptized. “When did it dawn on you that Jesus was the Messiah, the Son of God?” “Why do you think it was such a priority for Andrew to tell others once he realized who Jesus was?”

2 NO “1” is too “least” or “other” to meet Jesus. Read **John 6:5-9**. Andrew had already accepted that all answers are found in Jesus. Nothing else matters before this. He helped set the tone for everyone and everything to be brought to Jesus, that is, even in this child who had food to help the 5000. Read **John 12:20-22**. Why did Philip hesitate? Why did he go to Andrew for help dealing with the Greek’s request? What was the big deal about Greeks asking? Who are the people today that we might hesitate to introduce to Jesus?

3 ANYONE can say “Come and See.” Andrew’s approach was not intimidating. He didn’t beat people over the head with his faith. Read **John 1:43-46**. Rick said that most of us are here, not because of a “Peter”, but because of an “Andrew.” Talk about your life without Jesus, (who was your Andrew?), how you met Jesus, and your life with Jesus. How does your faith journey create a “Come and See,” invitation to others?

4 SOMEONE is an introduction away from a new life. Rick’s final challenge sounded like this: For 2000 years there has been no evangelistic strategy proven to be more effective than this: an invitation from a friend or family member. Jesus did not send us into the world to be judges but to be witnesses. He promised to empower us with his Holy Spirit so that we can point to him with courage, kindness and clarity. And it starts with a simple and enthusiastic “Come and see.”

Spend a time in silent prayer and commit to say, “Come and See.” Pray together that Jesus will bless many as you bring your “1” to him.





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1 EVERY “1” needs friends who believe in Jesus.

Read Mark 2:1-12. Believing in Jesus meant doing what no one else would do. Everybody was there, except a “nobody” who couldn’t possibly get in. But, these believing friends made sure this paralyzed man got in to see Jesus. As Rick pointed out they got him in to see Jesus “because when Jesus is in the house, stuff happens.” Name of few attitudes (ex. indifference) that sometimes “shut out” those who need to get to Jesus? What kind of heart will it take for you personally to get people to Jesus?

2 NO “1” is blessed by a dormant faith. It would be so easy to say to the paralyzed man “Sorry, we feel for you, but there is nothing we can do.” Rick said, “Imagine what the homeowner thought when he saw the skylight he never ordered getting installed.” Faith risks being misunderstood; faith accepts criticism; faith incurs expense; faith takes chances. Describe some differences between a “living” faith as opposed to a “dead” faith. How can we recognize it when we slip toward a dead faith? What can we do to embolden our faith again?

3 ANYONE can receive the greatest miracle of all. “Son your sins are forgiven.” It is not what was expected. “WHAT???” they said, who can forgive sins but God alone.” They were right in their statement but wrong about who Jesus was. Many people miss the real miracle because they cannot fathom Jesus

being anyone different than a mere man. But, as Rick said, “Jesus knew that the paralyzed man’s greatest felt need was not the greatest miracle he needed.” Jesus told him the real truth. This is what true friends do. Contrast physical ailments with spiritual ones. “Why is it easier to talk about and even minister to physical needs than spiritual needs?” Why are spiritual ailments more deadly?

4 READ Acts 10:38. Jesus went about doing good and healing because that is what God does. He showed His power over sickness and hurt through miraculous healing including the healing of this paralyzed man. **READ Galatians 3:13.** He also showed that every “1” can be free from the curse of sin. He did so by becoming the curse Himself. He can help any “1” stand again, forgiven and clean in the sight of God. The greatest miracle is eternal salvation. “What are some crazy, through the roof ways we might try to help people get to Jesus?”

5 Rick said it best: **“SOME 1 needs you to actively believe for them.”** Continue in silent prayer for a moment about someone you need to believe for. Say a prayer together for courage to bring your 1 to Jesus.





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1 Read Matthew 8:5-13. Rick said, *No 1 is a “too” to Jesus.* No one is too bad, or too late, or too doubtful, or too “other”, or too anything. In fact, Jesus found something in the Centurion, a Gentile, that he hadn’t found among God’s chosen people. A faith that acts. He came to Jesus. He also believed Jesus had the authority to heal. Just say the word. He wasn’t thinking “Could”, but “Would” he heal. And that at a distance. Jesus can bridge any gap. *Why do you think Jesus was amazed by his faith? If Jesus is all-knowing, how can he be amazed by anything? What does this story tell teach us about Jesus’ humanity and his deity?*

2 JESUS’ WORD BRIDGES GEOGRAPHICAL DISTANCE. The centurion believed the power of Jesus could transcend spatial barriers, something Jesus’ closest disciples could not yet imagine. **See John 11:21.** Martha believed that Jesus’ physical presence was necessary for Lazarus to be made well. But there is no such thing as distance to an omnipresent God. *Name some of the ways we can help eliminate distance for others to approach Jesus. In what ways can we remember that Jesus is present with us right now to help us point others to Him?*

3 JESUS’ WORD BRIDGES MORAL DISTANCE. **Read Acts 10:28.** In Peter’s day, there was a barrier between Jew and Gentile. Gentiles allowed and did many things the Jews viewed as detestable in the

eyes of God. Jews did not believe God’s love reached them. But, Peter finally realized that no one is beyond the reach of grace, including himself. It is still true today. Rick said, “Some are ‘unclean’ because of their immorality, and some are “unclean” because they think they can impress God with their morality.” *What is it about human nature that focuses on our differences more than our similarities? How can the church model now what Abraham’s table will look like then?*

4 JESUS’ WORD BRIDGES ETHNIC DISTANCE. **Read Matthew 8:11,12.** In Matthew’s gospel, it becomes clear that there is no such thing as ethnic superiority. Jesus declares that all people groups will be welcome to feast with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Even more shocking, those who boast in their ethnic superiority may well lose their seat at the table. Jesus redefined what it means to be the true Israel, the people of God, not on the basis of race but on the basis of faith. **Read Acts 10:34,35; 1 Timothy 2:3,6.** *How can we learn to see people the way God sees people who need Jesus like we do?*

5 Rick said, “No 1 was a “too” to Jesus.” He also said, “Some 1 is your “too” for Jesus.” Pray together for God’s help us see the “too” that can be our 1.

