

FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

Read aloud from 1 Corinthians 9:22 Paul said “I become all things to all men so that I by all means I may win a few.” Can you think of an example when you have done that in order to reach someone?

Give an example of how you like someone without being like someone?

What kind of obstacles are preventing you from doing that? Is there temptation? Struggles? Fear of judgment?

In Mathew Chapter 9 we learned that Jesus was looking for Mathew but Mathew wasn't looking for Jesus. Not to get him back but bring him back.

Jesus saw a man, not a tax collector. Do you agree that when we categorize people we often dehumanize them? If so, why?

What are the categories of people that are hardest to love for you? Is anyone past saving or being loved?

How far would you go / do in order to reach someone?

Who are you inviting to “At the Movies?”

WRECK THE ROOF SERIES #WTR

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Part 4— The Invitation

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Wreck The Roof Challenge

IDENTIFY

Three people in your sphere of influence who do not know Christ and who live within driving distance of this church

INTERCEDE

Pray for them every day for the next 21 Days

INVITE

Invite them to Christ or to the upcoming outreach series AT THE MOVIES where they will hear the gospel of Jesus presented in a clear and powerful way

Matthew 9:9-12

Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

¹⁰ While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

¹² On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick.

You don't have to be "like" them, but you have to _____ them.

Jesus was looking for Matthew! Not to "get him back" but to _____ him back.

WHY DO WE NEED TO WRECK THE ROOF?

Jesus did not see a tax collector – he saw a MAN named MATTHEW, collecting taxes

When we _____, we DE-HUMANIZE.

Every NUMBER has a NAME
Every NAME has a STORY
Every STORY matters to GOD

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.
Matthew 9:36

The question that we so often fail to ask is _____?”

Preach the Gospel at all times. Use words if necessary.

But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him?
And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him?
And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?
Romans 10:14 NLT

Jesus is not trying to “get you back.” He wants to _____you back.

Mark 2:1-12 Who are you Inviting to “At the Movies?”

If you want more information about following Christ or have made the decision to follow Christ today, please go to the NEXT STEPS tent in the Hub after the service for resources to help you in your walk with God.

You can watch or listen to today’s message online at graceassembly.org or on the Grace App.

HOW TO PRAY FOR LOST PEOPLE

Use this simple prayer guide as you pray for those in your sphere of influence who need a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Pray that the Father would draw them to Jesus

(John 6:44) *No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them.*

Bind the spirit that blinds their minds

(2 Corinthians 4:4) *The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.*

Loose the spirit of adoption - a desire to be adopted into the family of Christ

(Romans 8:15) *The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, “Abba, Father.”*

Pray for the opportunity to cross their paths and enter into a positive relationship with them, and that other believers will cross their paths and enter into positive relationships with them

(Colossians 4:3) *pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ*
(Matthew 9:38) *Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”*

Loose the spirit of wisdom and revelation on them so they may know God better

(Ephesians 1:17) *I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.*

You can pick up a free prayer guide/booklet at the Next Steps booth. This booklet contains several models to learn how to pray, including a detailed version of this model about praying for lost people. You can also download this prayer guide for free at our website.