

FOR DISCUSSION

What has God shown you or how has God spoken to you as you have prayed this past week for the three people you have IDENTIFIED that need a relationship with Jesus?

Think about the time before you gave your life to Christ. *What barriers were there to keep you from coming to Christ? In what way were buildings (spaces) or people (faces) a barrier to your coming to Christ?*

In the message, we identified what outsiders might think of Christians in our culture according to the book UNCHRISTIAN by Dave Kinnaman and Gabe Lyons. *Do you agree with these “outsiders” views of Christians? Why or Why not?*

Hypocritical	Uncaring
Too Political	Anti Homosexual
Judgmental	

How can we as followers of Jesus help “outsiders” overcome these barriers listed above and get them to Jesus?

Think about the three names you have IDENTIFIED that need Christ in the Wreck The Roof Campaign. *What do you think might be the barriers keeping them from following Christ?*

Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, “The church is only the church when it exists for others.” *Do you agree with that? Why or why not?*

Do your social media platforms reflect a priority of reaching people on your friends list? Why or why not?

WRECK THE ROOF SERIES #WTR

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Part 2—Barriers

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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 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

(Mark 2:1-12) *A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus by digging through it and then lowered the mat the man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralyzed man, “Son, your sins are forgiven.”*

⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ “Why does this fellow talk like that? He’s blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?”

⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, “Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to this paralyzed man, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Get up, take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But I want you to know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins.” So he said to the man, ¹¹ “I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home.” ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

What are the barriers that keep broken, hurting, and lost people from Jesus?

1. S _____

(Mark 2:2) *"They gathered in such large numbers that there was no room left, not even outside the door."*

The Three Lids

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2. F _____

(Mark 2:6-7) *"Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?"*

How do we remove the barriers?

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(John 3:6) *"Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit."*

(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."*

I _____

TIME

ENERGY

MONEY

LOVE

(John 1:1) *"The Word became flesh and dwelt among us..."*

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.

21 Days of Prayer

Please join us for a season of focused prayer each Monday through Friday 6am to 7am and Saturdays 9am to 10am in the Worship Center.

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 tent. 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 www.graceassembly.org