

REACHING OUT TOGETHER – PT II

Luke 5:4-7 (NIV)

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40 Days of Community

We discovered that God knows “We are better together” than we are individually. Team isn’t something “new”, but this concept has been around throughout eternity. If we are going to reach the lost all over the world, we need to do it together. We are going to have to partner with others for maximum impact. We need to pray for the lost, appeal to them and reach out to love them where they are. We do so by finding common interest as a door to tell our story about God’s grace and love.

“... you are standing together side by side with one strong purpose – to tell the Good News.” Ph. 1:27b (LB)

“You’ve been my partners in spreading the Good News about Christ.” Ph. 1:5 (NLT)

How can we “PARTNER” to share the good news with others?:

- 1) **Pray together** “Pray for us that God will give us an opportunity to tell people His message.” Col. 4:3 (NCV)
Make a group prayer list.
- 2) **Appeal to common interests** “Whatever a person is like, I try to find common ground with him so that he will let me tell him about Christ and let Christ save him. I do this to get the Gospel to them and also for the blessing I myself receive when I see them come to Christ.” 1 Cor. 9:22-23 (LB)
Discover the common interests in your group.
- 3) **Reach out in love** “Because we loved you, we were happy to share not only God's Good News with you, but even our own lives.” 1 Th. 2:8 (NCV)
 - “It is not my business to judge those who are not part of the church.” 1 Cor. 5:12 (NCV)
 - “Whatever we do, it is certainly not for our own profit but because Christ's love controls us now.” 2 Cor. 5:14 (LB)**Ask God to give you a deeper love for others.**
- 4) **Tell your stories** “You are... God's instruments to do His work and speak out for Him, to tell others of the night-and-day difference He made for you.” 1 Peter 2:9 (Mes)

“Listen, and I’ll tell you what God has done for me.” Ps. 66:16 (NCV)
Write out your story & share it with your group
- 5) **N_____** “Be friendly with everyone. Don't be proud and feel that you are smarter than others. Make friends with ordinary people.” Rom. 12:16 (CEV)
 - “In his home Levi (Matthew) gave a big dinner party for Jesus. Many fellow tax collectors and other guests were also there.” Luke 5:29 (CEV)
 - “The Holy Spirit does not want you to be afraid of people, but to be wise and strong, and to love them and enjoy being with them.” 2 Tim. 1:7 (LB)**Bring a friend to your group. Plan a party.**
- 6) **E_____** “Faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.” Heb. 11:1 (NIV)
“When Jesus saw their faith, He said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven.’” Luke 5:20 (NIV)
Never give up on anyone.
- 7) **R_____** “Whatever you do or say, let it be as a representative of the Lord Jesus.” Col. 3:17 (NLT)
 - “Do all you can to live a peaceful life. Take care of your own business, and do your own work. If you do, people who are not believers will respect you.” 1 Thes. 4:11-12a (NCV)