



EACH ONE – REACH ONE

New Year's Challenge

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Week 1

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Bottom Line: God did something in you because he wants to win people through you. He wants to use you where we are with what you know in 2017.

Icebreaker: What's the earliest address you remember? How old were you?

Key Verse: *So we have been sent to speak for Christ. It is like God is calling to people through us. We speak for Christ when we beg you to be at peace with God.* 2 Corinthians 5:20 ERV

We are just past Christmas, a joyous celebration that what the world has desperately needed has come to pass – a Savior has been born! The world back then needed someone to tell them Jesus was here and why that mattered, so the shepherds returned to their fields, telling everyone they met on the way the good news. Our world is just as clueless. We who have met the Savior and have been transformed by Him have been given the incredible responsibility and privilege of spreading the good news to the people God brings into our pathway as well.

Many Christians are afraid of evangelism – they feel it is a job for professionals, something too big, entailing more knowledge and skill than they possess. But God has made it a natural process for those who are growing in their life with Him. He equips us as we personally grow spiritually through our church participation and personal time with God to simply share naturally from our hearts with those He puts in our pathway.

An old preacher said, “Evangelism is just one beggar telling another beggar where he found bread.” Our speaker, Doug Pollock, compared it to simply “delivering the mail.” Every Christ follower can do it. Jesus said, “*As the Father sent me, I am sending you.*” You are on a mission this week. Tomorrow, God will bring people across your pathway. When the opportunity is there to share a piece of the good news, go ahead! You are part of a process God has designed to win them with love.

THINK IT OVER >>>

Thinking back on the message, what stood out to you?

We learned that evangelism is what happens when “the rhythm of our life naturally causes us to cross the path of those outside the faith but inside our reach.”

How does that encourage you or relieve your fears?

Mahatma Gandhi said that he had no problem with Jesus – it was Christians he didn't like. That feeling is shared by quite a few people we know, too. Unwise Christians can offend those who don't know the good news by words and behavior. What are some of the obstacles we put in the path of people that make it hard for them to hear the good news?

Who made the good news attractive to you? How?

LOOK IT OVER <<<

How do you feel about realizing that we are actually spokesmen/women for Christ?
2 Corinthians 5:20

Does it impact your choices when you remember that you are His “press secretary”?

“We gather at God's Post Office (the Church) on Sunday, so we can deliver His mail to the people on their day-to-day route Monday through Saturday.”

How does it change your view of church attendance when you view it as the place to get what I need to give the world Monday-Friday?

The mail to be shared doesn't just come from the sermon. It can be through prayer, the music, a word from someone else. What did you receive this week that is worth sharing?

NEXT STEPS

This week, consider taking some next steps together as a group:

1. Discuss who is on your route? Outside the faith but inside your reach? Who would you personally like to see come to faith this year?
2. Pray aloud individually for each person in the group, that you will be wise and courageous in delivering the good news in 2017.

EVALUATION/ACTION Realizing and reaching your full potential in Christ

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Rate yourself from 1 to 10 1 (never), 10 (always)	1	2	3	4		6	7	8	9	10
Why did you give yourself this rating?										
What benefits will you obtain by raising your rating?										
Do you know someone who demonstrates this bottom line well? What do you admire about that person?										
What specific action can you put into practice to raise your rating?										
At the end of this week, reflect - where did you see the bottom line show up in your actions throughout the week?										

PRAYER

List group members and their prayer requests for this week:

DAILY STUDY

Want to dig deeper? Check out **The Daily** this week at newpointe.org/daily:

Day 1: John 20:21

Day 2: 1 Peter 3:15

Day 3: Colossians 4:5

Day 4: 1 Corinthians 3:6-8

Day 5: John 4:1-26

Don't let the conversation stop here. Keep talking it over with others throughout the week.
(Don't forget to bring this paper to your next small group meeting)