



## DISCUSSION GUIDE



# PART ONE



## BEFORE THE VIDEO, DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What comes to mind when you hear the word “evangelism”?
2. Who is a key person (or people) who led to you to become a Christian?



## AFTER THE VIDEO, DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Have you personally been on the giving or receiving end of poor evangelism methods?
2. In what ways does the Christian culture prioritize the method of evangelism over the message?
3. Why is it difficult to talk about our faith with others? What would cause you to become interested in someone else’s faith? What would it take for you to feel comfortable talking with them?
4. As Tim said, “If someone is giving an answer, someone must have asked a question.” How can you live your life in such a way that it motivates others to ask questions? Have you ever known anyone with this quality? If so, talk about that person—what made their life provocative?
5. Think about someone in your life who is not a Christian. How can you make it easier for the next Christian to have influence in their life?
6. When sharing your faith, it can be easy to slide into some destructive habits (treating someone like a project, prioritizing information over relationship, or fighting for conversion over helping someone on their faith journey). Do you agree with this? Why do you think this happens? What can you do to resist this?



## MOVING FORWARD

Many of us feel nervous about the idea of engaging in conversations about faith with someone who is not a Christian. Someone took that uncomfortable risk with you and became someone that God used in your faith story. Consider writing a note, sending an email, or making a phone call to say thank you to the person or people who God used to lead you in a relationship with Jesus.

# PART TWO



## BEFORE THE VIDEO, DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What causes you to trust someone?
2. Who is the best question-asker you know?  
What is unique about that person?



## AFTER THE VIDEO, DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

1. What is your reaction to the “Five Thresholds”? Do you feel like this path reflects your own faith journey?
2. People you know may never step past Threshold One. Is it worthwhile to have a relationship with a non-Christian even if you never see them take a step toward Christ? Why or why not?
3. It can be hard to know how to interact well with people questioning our faith as part of Threshold Two. How have you dealt with doubts that have surfaced in your faith? How do you balance dealing with your own doubts while connecting with a non-Christian who struggles with similar doubts?
4. Give some examples of when you know someone is at Threshold Three: Open to Change. What do you think it looks like to remain patient in those moments but also to look for opportunities to be proactive in your conversations?
5. What level of responsibility do you have in someone else’s faith journey? What are next steps you’d recommend for someone at Threshold Four: Seeking After God?
6. Do you feel prepared to help someone at Threshold Five? If someone asked you something about your beliefs, including “How do you become a Christian?” do you have an answer ready? What can you do to be more prepared?



## MOVING FORWARD

If you're looking for an approach to help you in sharing with others what it means to begin a relationship with Jesus, we suggest this summary of John 3:16:

- God Loved
- God Gave
- We Believe
- We Receive



# PART THREE



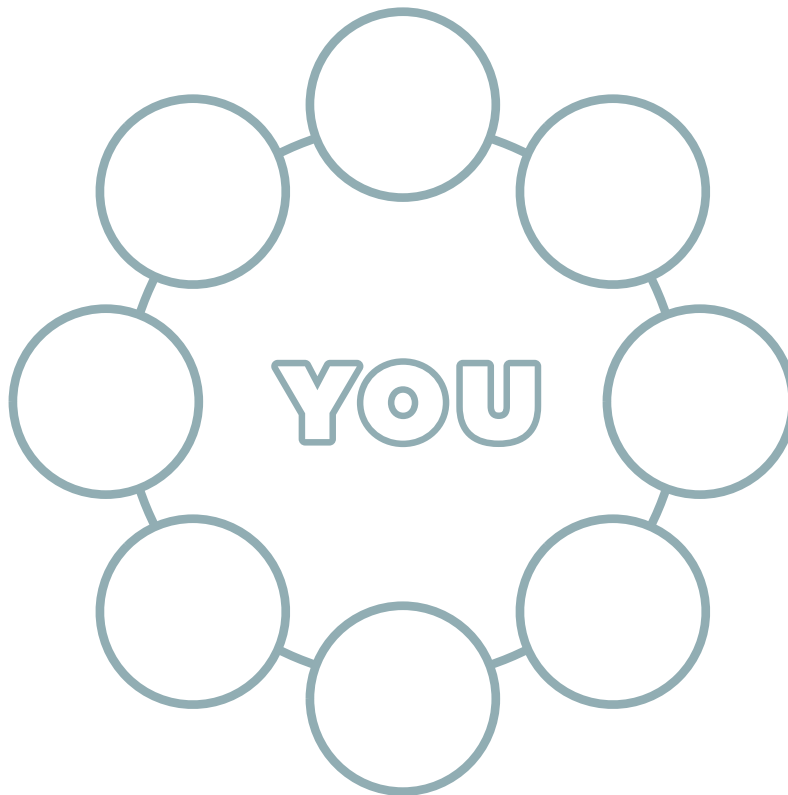
## BEFORE THE VIDEO, DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Name one person who genuinely cares for you and wants the best for you. What do they say or do that makes you feel like they are *for* you?
2. In your opinion, does the church have a reputation of being *for* people? Why or why not?



## AFTER THE VIDEO, DISCUSS THESE QUESTIONS:

1. Who is your “one”? Fill in the circles around you with the groups of people with whom you frequently interact (e.g., co-workers, neighbors, gym acquaintances, parents of your kid’s teammates). As you consider these circles, share the name of one person who doesn’t have a relationship with Jesus.





2. In which threshold do you think they could be? As a recap, here are the Five Faith Thresholds:
  - Threshold One: Trusting a Christian
  - Threshold Two: Becoming Curious about Your Faith
  - Threshold Three: Open to Change
  - Threshold Four: Seeking After God
  - Threshold Five: Ready to Enter into a Relationship with God
3. What are some reasons you might hesitate to share your faith with the person you identified above?
4. What will you do? What next step could you take to invest in that person?
5. How can this group help? Discuss ways we can help one another take next steps in this area.

Spend the remainder of your time together praying for the names mentioned. If someone doesn't come to mind for you, ask God to show you who your one person could be. Make a plan to continue praying for these people at future group meetings.

## MOVING FORWARD

We've provided a way for you to get tips, encouragement, and reminders to invest in your one person. Simply text INVESTINONE to 94090 to register for periodic emails to encourage you to keep investing in your one person.



## A NOTE FOR LEADERS

You may have a group member who has yet to place their faith in Jesus. If this is the case, we suggest you spend some time praying for this person before the last session of this study. You may want to reach out to them before Part Three and ask how they've experienced the previous two weeks.



It's possible that someone in your group could be at Threshold Five—ready to begin a relationship with Jesus. The video from Part Two explains what it means to place our trust in Jesus. This study could provide the opportunity for



you to ask them if they are ready to take that step of faith.

Or you may have a group member who is seeking after God but not yet ready to begin a relationship with him. This study could provide the opportunity to help them consider a next step. We've provided a list of recommended group studies should someone in your group be open to change or to seeking after God.

It may be unlikely that someone in your group who currently doesn't know Jesus would want to make a plan to invest in someone in this way. That's okay. Hopefully, this study has encouraged them to continue their faith journey. Trust that God has led them to your group and continue to pray that he will use your group to help them move toward Jesus.

## SUGGESTED NEXT STUDIES

- *Luke*: A two-week study on the book of Luke  
[groupleaders.org/bibleproject-luke](http://groupleaders.org/bibleproject-luke)
- *Follow*: An 8-session study on Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow  
[groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2016/11/17/follow](http://groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2016/11/17/follow)
- *Starting Point*: An 8-session conversation on faith  
[groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2016/11/16/starting-point](http://groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2016/11/16/starting-point)
- *Spiritual Growth*: A 3-week study on what it means to have a growing relationship with Jesus  
[groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2017/3/1/spiritual-growth](http://groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2017/3/1/spiritual-growth)