

EVERYDAY EVANGELISM LEADER GUIDE

Group Leaders,

This resource is intended to guide you as you prepare to lead your group through *Everyday Evangelism*.

Here's the goal for this study:

To explore how to invest in others in a way that models how Jesus treated people.

In his earthly ministry, Jesus loved people. He was so committed to loving people that he chose to die on our behalf. Since that time, modern evangelism (investing in someone who doesn't know Jesus) has tended to turn people into projects. Jesus didn't see anyone as a project. Furthermore, he said that in the future, people would know his disciples by how they loved people. Through this study, we hope that you and your group members will be motivated to invest in others the way Jesus did.

To help reach this goal, we'll use a resource called *Five Faith Thresholds*, which is taken from [*Once Was Lost* by Don Everts and Doug Schaupp](#).

While *Five Faith Thresholds* will be part of your group's discussion in Part Two of *Everyday Evangelism*, we encourage you to watch the six-minute overview video below prior to starting this study with your group.

<https://groupleaders.org/blog-feed/5-faith-thresholds?rq=evangelism>

What if I have a group member who is still exploring faith?

If someone has not yet placed their faith in Jesus, consider what threshold they may be in. Based on their threshold, we suggest the following:

- For threshold 4 or 5, we suggest that you spend some time praying for them before beginning the study. After week one, you may want to ask one-on-one how they're experiencing the study. The video from Part Two explains what it

means to place our trust in Jesus. This study could provide an opportunity for you to ask them if they are ready to take that step of faith.

- For thresholds 1–3, consider whether this is the best time for your group to complete this study. Here are some possible alternatives:
 - » *Starting Point*: eight-session conversation on faith
<https://groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2016/11/16/starting-point>
 - » *Who Needs God*: six-session study with Andy Stanley
<https://whoneedsgod.com>

How do I prepare to lead well?

- Lead by example. Consider what next steps you could take with someone in your life who doesn't know Jesus. It's likely your group members will follow your lead.
- Pray for your group members. Pray specifically that God would show your group what evangelism really is versus how they may have seen it misrepresented. Pray that each group member would be inspired to invest in one person in their circle of influence.
- Prior to your group meeting, watch each week's video and read through the discussion questions so you are prepared to help draw group members into the conversation. This may be a new topic for some members, and they may be quieter than normal in your group discussions.
- In the final week of this study, we'll ask each of your group members to consider investing in one person moving forward. Write down the names as group members share the name of the person they've chosen. Be intentional in praying for these people by name in future meetings.
- Finally, it may be unlikely that someone in your group who doesn't know Jesus would want to make a plan to invest in someone. 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 God will use the group to help move them toward Jesus.

What's a good next study?

Here's a list of recommended group studies if you see group members interested in seeking God:

- *Luke*: two-week study on the book of Luke
<https://groupleaders.org/bibleproject-luke>
- *Follow*: eight-session study on Jesus' teaching on what it means to follow
<https://groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2016/11/17/follow>
- *Spiritual Growth*: three-week study on what it means to have a growing relationship with Jesus
<https://groupleaders.org/curriculum-feed/2017/3/1/spiritual-growth>