
CONNECT GUIDE



WALLACE MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH

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AS WE BEGIN

A READING PLAN

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WEEK ONE

FORWARD

For the next two weeks we'll be taking a slightly different focus as we prepare for Easter. Each day we'll read a New Testament description of an evangelistic encounter. Then we will have a brief explanation of one idea from that text, after which you'll fill in prayer points as you pray. Our prayer time is going to be focused on your "one." That's the one person you are intentionally developing a relationship with in hopes to share Jesus with them. People are more likely to accept an invitation to church at Easter than almost any other time of the year. That's why we're taking this time to be focused on evangelism and telling the world around us about the message we get to celebrate on Easter Sunday.

My one's name is:

They are my one because:

My plan to engage and care for them is:

EVANGELISTIC ENCOUNTERS OF JESUS

DAY 1: JOHN 3

UUPG Prayer Focus: Tumbatu in Tanzania / Beni Shangul in Ethiopia

Nicodemus was a religious man. It was his job, his life, and yet he still missed the point. As someone who studied and taught the law and the prophets, Nicodemus should have instantly recognized Jesus, but his preconceived notions of religion prevented him from doing so. What did Jesus do? He kept it simple. Jesus explained to Nicodemus exactly who He was, and what He came to do. In our world we often assume people who look religious aren't in need of evangelism, but it's easy to know all the facts and miss the point. Let's be like Jesus and tell everyone who He is, and exactly what He came to do.

As you pray for your one today, ask God to break through their preconceived notions of religion, so they can hear the message of Jesus instead.

- Pray that their ideas about Christianity would not hinder their curiosity.
- Pray that they would see the good works of the church and not just the hypocrisy.
- Pray that they would listen to your presentation about who Jesus is.
- What are you doing today to reach your one?

DAY 2: JOHN 4

UUPG Prayer Focus: Garre in Somalia / Lybian Arabs in Tunisia

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DAY 3: JOHN 5

UUPG Prayer Focus: Indian Muslims in Malaysia / Southern Ngbandi in Democratic Republic of the Congo

Jesus met people in their moment of crisis. Jesus saw someone in need and He met that need. It was after that Jesus told the crowds who He was. Jesus proved who He was through His action, so everyone would understand His explanation. We are called to the same. We offer generous help to those in crisis so we can gain the credibility to share the message of Jesus with them. We prove we follow Jesus through our actions, so we get the right to share the message. It can be costly, time consuming, and very inconvenient to be there for people in their moment of crisis, but when we are there we're following His example and proving to the world that He changes lives.

As you pray for your one today ask God to show you opportunities to help them in their daily lives.

- Pray that you would exhibit the type of character that draws someone to you when they are in crisis.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you the words to say in the moment.
- Pray that we would be broken of our greed and selfishness so we could be generous to those in need.

DAY 4: LUKE 9

UUPG Prayer Focus: Kupsabiny in Uganda / Ndengereko in Tanzania

Jesus trained people and sent them out into the world. That's what He chose to do. The guy who created everything, who could do miracles, who could have literally written the truth in the sky with His bare hands, chose to train people and send them out with a message. Sometimes it can be very intimidating to have spiritual conversations with people. It can feel awkward to disagree. It can feel like something we'd rather avoid. That's why we have to remember that Jesus chose training people and sending them out as His method for the most important message ever. Take that step, start the conversation, share the Gospel.

Today, as you pray for your one, ask God to give you the courage to speak up when a spiritual conversation becomes possible.

- Thank God for letting you be part of his chosen strategy for evangelism.
- Ask the Holy Spirit for opportunities to be sent.
- Ask God to help you have the discipline to be trained.

DAY 5: LUKE 10

UUPG Prayer Focus: Kummara, Kummari in India / Bhoi in India

That whole “training people up and sending them out” thing wasn’t a one time strategy. Jesus did it with His 12 closest disciples and then He multiplied that number and did it again. The Bible doesn’t give us every moment of Jesus’ life, we only get the highlights of a few years. That means, when the authors of Scripture were inspired by the Holy Spirit they were directed to repeat this strategy even because it was that important. In Matthew 28 we also get an explicit command to continue following this strategy as Jesus tells us to go out into all the nations. The journey of conversion, training, and commissioning should be part of every believer’s lifestyle, because to do anything else amounts to rejecting the specific instructions of Jesus Himself.

Today, as you pray for your one, ask God how you can be part of training others to send them out into the world with the Gospel. Thank God that you get to be sent and be part of the sending.

- Ask God for other people to also be sent to your one.
- Ask God for opportunities to train others.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to empower those people as well.

DISCUSSION GUIDE: MARCH 29, 2026

WEEK ONE: REVELATION 1:12-16

This week we learned about some of the Evangelistic encounters of Jesus. This helped us focus our efforts and learn how to pray as we engage our one. Today Pastor John will begin a 2- part series in Revelation that will help us learn to see the ultimate authority and cosmic power of Jesus.

ACTION STEP _____

How will I live out the action step this week?

CONNECT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: WEEK 1

- What are some of your favorite euphemisms, sayings, and idioms? Where did you first hear these phrases? How would you explain phrases like “getting off the hook,” or “it’s a piece of cake,” to someone who had never interacted with our culture before?
- The book of Revelation can often be intimidating because it uses imagery to describe things that are beyond our understanding. Much of the imagery however, would have been obvious to a first-century reader from a near eastern culture. Go through these 5 verses and see if you can describe what each image is trying to tell us in this passage.

Seven golden lamp stands
A robe with a golden sash around the chest
White hair on Jesus’ head
Jesus’ eyes being fiery flame
Jesus’ feet being like bronze
Jesus’ voice being like water
7 stars in Jesus right hand
A double-edged sword coming from Jesus mouth
Jesus’ face shining like the sun

- Most people have bad ideas about the book of Revelation. This comes from media portrayals and bad interpreters who were searching for coded messages. How can we help people reject the bad information they’ve received and go back to the Bible?
- This week will be your last chance to invite your one to Easter. What’s your plan to invite them or follow up with them this week?

WEEK TWO

EVANGELISM OF THE NEW TESTAMENT

DAY 1: ACTS 2

UUPG Prayer Focus: Laba in China / Tripuri Namasudra in India

Jesus told His disciples to wait on the Holy Spirit to arrive, and wow did He ever make an entrance. Spiritual flames, miraculous translations, the reversing of the curse of Babel, and a sermon so provocative they thought Peter was drunk. The New Testament church was born in Acts 2, and the Holy Spirit marked the occasion with several miracles, but don't miss the details either. All of those miracles were designed to focus the crowds on the message. The Holy Spirit was willing to alter the fabric of reality to empower the evangelism of the Apostles. The New Testament church wasn't born from a strategy session, or a bylaw committee, or some ridiculous marketing strategy. The New Testament church was born from evangelism powered by the Holy Spirit.

Today, as you pray for your one, ask the Holy Spirit to give you the words and empower your efforts.

- Thank God for sending the Holy Spirit.
- Thank God for establishing His church on Earth.
- Thank God for those who came before us and faithfully

shared the message.

- Pray that the Holy Spirit would give you the right words to share with your one, just like He did for Peter at the birth of the church.

DAY 2: ACTS 3

UUPG Prayer Focus: Shabak in Iraq / Syrian Arabs in Iraq

It's important to note that even though thousands of people were converted on the day of Pentecost when the church was born, they didn't sit back and count their numbers. They didn't put a hold on the message to fix the organization. They just kept right on sharing the message. They offered care, healing, charity, anything that would give them credibility so their message could be heard. In Acts 3 they also made sure people knew, this wasn't a new idea from God. This wasn't plan B. There wasn't a separate deal for Israel. The plan from the very beginning was for Jesus to save us, and all the law and all the prophets point us directly to Him.

Today, as you pray for your one, ask the Holy Spirit to push you toward consistent and even constant evangelism as a lifestyle, and not just as a one-time project.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to constantly drive you toward consistent evangelism.
- Thank God that He doesn't change deals and that Jesus

has always been the plan.

- Ask God to change your heart in a way that drives you toward compassion for those who don't yet believe.
- Pray that you would have the opportunity to offer healing and aid to your one so they can hear your message

DAY 3: ACTS 4

UUPG Prayer Focus: Deaf Yemenis in Yemen / Kemant in Ethiopia

Jesus never told us it would be easy. He used phrases like "count the cost," and "take up your cross." Jesus never teased us with blind optimism or toxic positivity. He made sure we knew there would be a price for following Him. The church definitely felt this in Acts 4. They found themselves on trial and under threat for healing a man and speaking the truth. Surely after such an experience they backed off and kept it quiet... right? Nope, they gave testimony about Jesus in the middle of their trial, and then thanked God for what happened. They didn't dial it back at all, instead they prayed for boldness. They weren't scared by adversity, they were encouraged by it.

Today, as you pray for your one, ask the Holy Spirit to help you push through difficulty and adversity as you share the Gospel.

- Reread Acts 4:23-31 and pray that the Holy Spirit would empower you with boldness as you share the Gospel with your one.

DAY 4: ACTS 6-7

UUPG Prayer Focus: Khatik in India / Herero in Namibia

Being faithful comes with a price, but it's worth it. Stephen isn't mentioned in the Gospels. He wasn't one of the 12 disciples. He wasn't an Apostle. He was a man who believed and faithfully carried out the mission of the church. This threatened the power of those who were using religion to manipulate and deceive people, so those in power crafted a conspiracy to have him removed. Stephen could have played it cool. He could have possibly escaped. Instead, he called out the false teachers for being part of deception that had lasted for hundreds of years. Stephen spoke the truth and it cost him his life, but one of the men who was part of that conspiracy heard his message and the Holy Spirit began to work. A Pharisee named Paul was one of those who participated in Stephen's execution, and while it didn't happen right away, that message would eventually change his life.

Today, as you pray for your one, ask the Holy Spirit to give you courage in the face of opposition.

- Ask the Holy Spirit for continual conviction so that your character might also be considered a witness.
- Pray that you wouldn't falter in the face of opposition.
- Pray that your courage would be equal to your compassion for those who oppose you.
- Pray the message will change the hearts of people who are hostile toward Jesus.
- Pray that those who try and manipulate the message of God to gain Earthly political power would be silenced and replaced.
- Pray that your one would not be deceived by false messages.

DAY 5: ACTS 8-9

UUPG Prayer Focus: Okpamheri in Nigeria / Persians in Qatar

Today we read two different tasks the church has set before us. Philiip made some very important choices. First, he chose to follow when the Holy Spirit directed him. He didn't make excuses, he didn't put it off, he walked over to the Ethiopian official and struck up a conversation. The other important choice he made was long before this day. He chose to study and prepare. His answer to the Ethiopian official wasn't a miracle, it was the result of faithful discipline. The Gospel was sent to a country hundreds of miles away on a separate continent for the first time, because Phillip was obedient to

the Holy Spirit. So, our first task? Be ready, and don't hesitate when the moment comes.

The second task is much harder. Ananias had to show hospitality to a man who had recently been murdering his friends. Paul's conversion was proof that Jesus could change any heart and any mind, but it had to be terrifying for Ananias to be the one who cared for and mentored this man whose violence against the church was so prolific. As the church we also have to be ready to welcome and disciple those who don't fit our definition of "proper." We have to be ready to accept the work of the Holy Spirit even when He offends our delicate sensibilities and suburban propriety. Phillip had a pretty easy task, and he was faithful. Ananias had a terrifying task, and he was faithful. Regardless of the tasks we're given, we have one option. Be faithful.

Today, as you pray for your one, ask the Holy Spirit to show you what faithfulness looks like.

- Thank God for the numerous tasks He's invited us to be a part of in the church.
- Pray that your one would also have a miraculous conversion experience.
- Pray the we would not shy away from sharing with people even when they don't fit our definition of proper.
- Pray that the Holy Spirit would always remind you to be faithful in your study, your conduct, and your evangelism.

DISCUSSION GUIDE: APRIL 5, 2026

WEEK 2: REVELATION 1:17-18

This week we learned about some evangelistic encounters of the New Testament church in the book of Acts. Understanding how the early church evangelized helped strengthen and encourage our resolve to reach our one. Today Pastor John will conclude his 2-part series in Revelation as he explains how Jesus' resurrection is the ultimate victory that exhibits His power over all things in the universe.

ACTION STEP

How will I live out the action step this week?

CONNECT DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: WEEK 2

- Do you remember the first time you heard that Jesus was raised from the dead? Did you believe it then or did it take some time? If it took some time, what was the thing that finally convinced you?
- What does it mean in verse 18 that Jesus holds the keys of death and Hades?
- If you met someone who had never heard about Jesus rising from the dead how would you tell them about it?
- Jesus tells the Apostle John to write down what he sees in the vision. Why is Jesus so focused on spreading this message? How can we take what we have seen and heard from this book and share it?

