

who's your  
**1ONE?**



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# INTRODUCTION

Remember John? John is your longtime friend or maybe your neighbor down the street. Remember Kate? She's your co-worker from your office. Or maybe she's a parent you see at the ball field every week. **John and Kate don't know Jesus.** Because they don't know Jesus, they may never step foot inside our church building, but **lucky for them, they know you.** An ordinary believer, saved by the grace of God, empowered by the Spirit of God, to be on mission for God. This is what the **Who's Your One?** campaign is all about.

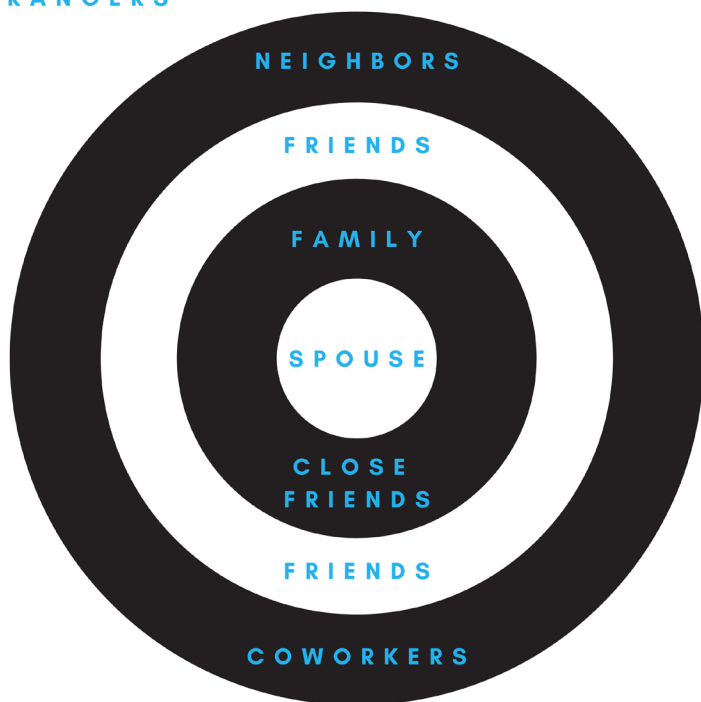
Ordinary believers doing the extraordinary mission God has called us to in the normal everyday rhythms of life.

And it all begins with **ONE**. One person you can share the gospel with. One person you can get to know, serve, and tangibly display the love of Jesus to. We believe that the next great move of God in our city will begin with every member of our church pursuing **ONE**. And yet, we know that when it comes to reaching your ONE, it won't be easy. Often, we aren't against engaging the lost, we simply don't know where to start. This booklet has been designed by our church to be a practical guide to helping you identify, engage, and reach **YOUR ONE**. We pray that as you work through this resource, God will equip and propel you to a life on mission in the everyday rhythms of life.

# IDENTIFY YOUR **1**ONE

Identifying your ONE begins by answering a few simple questions. Who do you encounter in your day to day life that doesn't know Jesus? Who has God uniquely given you a connection to or a relationship with to be a gospel witness to? For some, identifying your ONE will be easy and for others it will be difficult. Begin by thinking about the relationships God has already given you. Below is a diagram of the people God has already connected you to. Within these relational circles, is there someone that doesn't have a relationship with Jesus?

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# IDENTIFY YOUR 1NE

Here are a few good questions to identify people within these circles of influence:

- **Close friends:** Who do talk with regularly?
- **Neighbor:** Who lives next door to you or on your street?
- **Coworkers:** Who works with you in your department or in your building?
- **Cashier or server:** Who are the people you see at your regular shopping and dining spots?
- **Classmate:** Who do you see in class, the library, or lab?
- **Teammate:** Who plays in the same league as you or your children?
- **Fellow parent:** Who are the parents of your child's friends?
- **Workout buddy:** Who do you go to the gym with, run with, or see there often?

Within all of these areas are people who God has uniquely placed you to be His Gospel light. However, what if you haven't been able to identify someone who doesn't know Jesus? Here are some practical steps you can take to intentionally build relationships with nonbelievers:

## CAST A WIDE NET

BUILD FRIENDSHIPS WITH MANY PEOPLE BY GOING TO PLACES INTENTIONALLY LIKE THE GYM, BALL FIELDS, RESTAURANTS, AND OTHER SOCIAL PLACES WHERE PEOPLE NATURALLY GATHER.

## BE YOURSELF

GOD HAS PUT YOU IN SITUATIONS THAT NO ONE ELSE IS IN

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### PRAY

THAT GOD WOULD OPEN YOUR EYES TO THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU THAT DON'T KNOW JESUS

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### BE OVERLY GRACIOUS AND PATIENT

WITH PEOPLE THAT DON'T KNOW JESUS. DON'T EXPECT THEM TO ACT LIKE A BELIEVER

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# PRAY FOR YOUR 1NE

Prayer isn't part of our strategy; it is our strategy. Our FBC family understands that prayer is at the core of everything. Prayer displays our dependance upon the Lord to do what only he can do. Only God can change hearts. We are commanded to share the gospel and to display the power of the gospel in our everyday lives. At the end of the day, we don't save people. God does. Let's connect with God in prayer as He guides our words and directs our actions to reach ONE. In this pursuit, the bible teaches us to pray persistently and to pray in faith trusting in the goodness of our heavenly Father to do what only he can do (Luke 11:5-13, James 1:6-8). With this in mind, here are a few ways you can pray daily for your ONE:



**A Heart for the Lost:** Pray for your ONE and others you will meet this week. Pray for a compassionate heart that truly desires to see many come to know the Lord in saving faith.



**Your ONE's Salvation:** Pray that God would open their eyes to his truth, show them the emptiness of their sin and the satisfaction that is only found in him, and bring them from spiritual death to life.



**Wisdom and Knowledge:** Pray that when given the opportunity, God will give you the right words to speak.



**Opportunities:** Pray for opportunities to share the gospel or your testimony with your ONE. Pray that God will connect you with those who don't know Jesus. Pray for opportunities to sacrificially serve your ONE.

# START THE CONVERSATION

Having identified your ONE, let's learn how to turn everyday conversations towards Jesus. The goal is to ask good questions so that you can better understand where your ONE is spiritually. Listening well, we can display how the gospel of Jesus is good news to what they are going through or better than anything this world has to offer. Our Pastor Emeritus Jay Wolf explains that starting the conversation is as simple as **F.I.R.E.**

## **FAMILY:**

Ask if they are from the area. Ask about their siblings, children, parents, and grandparents.

## **INTERESTS:**

Do they have any hobbies? What do they enjoy doing in their free time?

## **RELIGION:**

Do they have a church that they attend? Did they grow up going to church? What do they believe about God? Do they have any religious beliefs?

## **EVANGELISM:**

You can follow up this last area with a statement like "Can I tell you about the best thing that ever happened to me?"

# SERVE YOUR 1NE

The saying goes that people don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care. The same can be true for reaching your ONE. In some ways you have to earn the right to be heard. Acts of intentional service can be used by God to soften the heart of your ONE to listen to the gospel message. With this in mind, here are a few ways that you can intentionally serve your ONE:

- Take them out for a cup of coffee or dinner
- Invite them over to your house for a meal
- Pay for someone's groceries
- Send them a text asking if there is anyway you can pray for them
- Deliver a gift card with a hand-written note
- Offer to work alongside them in their yard
- If you have a fun hobby (hunting/fishing, sports, exercising baking, ect.) ask if they would like to join you
- Be creative!

**You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.**

— Matthew 5:14-16 —

# SHARE WITH YOUR 1NE

In this section, we will cover a basic outline of the gospel message so that you can decide how to uniquely share it with your “ONE”.

## GOD’S PURPOSE:

God created all things and the crown of his creation was mankind made in his image. **He created us to be a reflection of him and to have a relationship with him.**

## BAD NEWS:

**We rejected God** by wanting to be God ourselves. Because of this, sin entered into the world separating us from God. Romans 3:23 says “for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.” The Bible displays that without Jesus, sin is not just something we do, it is at the very core of who we are. This sin leads to two big realities in our lives today: brokenness and death. The bible tells us in Romans 1:25 that because of sin we began to worship the “creature rather than the creator.” We began to seek the satisfaction that only God could give us in the things of this world which leaves us empty and broken. Not only does sin leave us feeling empty, but sin ultimately leads us to death. God tells us in Romans 6:23 that “the wages of sin is death.”

## WORSE NEWS:

**We can do nothing to take away our sin.** The Bible makes clear that none of the good things that we do in this life can take away our sin. Hebrews 9:22 says that “without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins.” Why? Because the wages of sin, meaning what our sin earns, is DEATH.

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## GOOD NEWS:

**God doesn't leave us in our sin.** He sent his only son Jesus into the world to live perfectly and die in our place so that we might be made right with God. John 3:16 says "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

## BEST NEWS:

Not only did Jesus die, but he rose on the third day defeating sin and death. So that **when we turn from our sin and trust in Jesus' work on the cross for our salvation we freely receive God's forgiveness.** Trusting in Jesus restores us back into a relationship with God where we find the satisfaction, joy, peace, and life that sin took away. Sin led us to be broken but in Jesus we are made whole again.

## HOW DO WE RESPOND TO THIS NEWS?

**A**

Admit you have sinned and fallen short of God's standard and repent (turn) from your sin

**B**

Believe that Jesus is God's Son who died on the cross for your sin and that he was raised from the grave defeating sin

**C**

Call on Jesus through prayer to come into your life as Savior and Lord

# FINAL ENCOURAGEMENT

The process of reaching your ONE may be long and seem unfruitful, or it may be short and abundant. Yet, always remember Jesus is worth it. You can play a part in bringing someone from death to life when you pray for, serve, and share with your ONE.



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# RESPOND

Having walked through the different aspects of reaching YOUR ONE, we want to invite you to respond. Located in the lobby of the church is a giant number 1 with a basket of ping pong balls beside it. Once you have identified YOUR ONE, we would invite you to write their name on one of those balls and drop it in the 1. In this way, our church as a whole can pray and celebrate with you on this journey of reaching YOUR ONE for Jesus.



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# RESPOND

Provided below is a QR code that will send you to our church website ([montgomeryfbc.org/yourone](http://montgomeryfbc.org/yourone)). On this page you will find encouraging testimonies and a place to submit encouraging interactions that you have with YOUR ONE. You can scan the code below by either using your smartphones camera to focus in on the circle or you can download any QR code reader app in the app store.

