



For The One, Week 1

“Jesus has always been for the one. Pausing, listening, looking for the one who feels unworthy, broken, rejected. His mission is unrelentingly set on rescue. And he invites us to join him.

Conversation Starter: *Have some fun as you break the ice.*

- Share a time you felt pursued.
- What good thing came out of the last two years for you?

Key Scriptures: *Let God’s word frame the conversation. Take a minute to read this selected passage together as a Group.*

- *Genesis 50:20, Luke 15:1-7*

Discussion Questions: *Pick a few of the questions below to guide your time.*

Starting Sharing: *Choose a question or two to create openness.*

- Growing up, did you see the church as inclusive or exclusive? Why?
- Share how you have experienced God's relentless pursuit in your life.
- What excites you most about the future of our church?

Start Thinking: *Choose a question or two to think critically about the subject.*

- When Jesus tells the story of the lost sheep, he addresses the religious elite's criticism. What is the point he is trying to communicate?
- How can helping people get better at life ultimately help them connect to our church and Jesus?
- Why do you think the natural inclination of those who are rescued is to become inward focus?

Make it Personal: *Choose a question or two to help you identify your best next step.*

- Over the next few weeks, how can you make space to talk to God and respond to his leading?
- If you are a follower of Jesus, reflect on when you first realized that Jesus died for you. How did that truth impact you?

Next Steps: *Everybody has a next step. Check out some ideas below to help you grow by doing.*

- **Talk to God-** Ask God what role you could play in helping us continue to be a church that relentlessly pursues those who don't yet know Jesus.
- **Respond to His nudges-** As you talk to God, listen for his leading and do what He says to do.

Prayer: *Invite God to do what only He can do!*

Heavenly Father, thank you for revealing your heart for those lost. Please help us be a church that reflects Jesus' love and grace. We pray that you would move powerfully through your people and exceed our expectations so we can continue to be for the one. Amen.