

LifeGroup Curriculum | 40 Days of Invitation — Week One

“Name Your One”

Main Passage: *Luke 15:1–7*

Supporting Passages: *John 1:40–42, Matthew 9:36–38, Romans 10:13–15, 2 Peter 3:9*

Culture Code Emphasis:

Presence > Preference

Main Idea / Question:

Who has God placed in your life that He is inviting you to move toward?

We are not starting with invitation.

We're starting with awareness.

Because you cannot reach who you haven't noticed.

PORCH TALK

(Relational → Awareness → Ownership)

Leader Setup: Before we invite anyone, we must first notice someone. God rarely begins with crowds — He begins with names.

Conversation Starters (Choose 3–4)

- Who first reached out to you spiritually?
- When have you felt personally pursued by someone's faith?
- Do you tend to see evangelism as relational or programmatic?
- Where do you naturally interact with people far from God?
- Why do you think God works through people instead of just speaking from heaven?

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Porch Talk Challenge — Awareness Audit

Before moving on: **Everyone must write down one name.** Not “people.” Not “a group.” **One person.**

Guidelines: Someone in your relational world. Someone far from Jesus. Someone you see regularly If no one comes to mind — pray together until one does.

Then: Say the name out loud Let the group pray briefly This builds ownership immediately.

Anchor Verse:

“Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost.” — Luke 15:6

LIVING ROOM

(Depth → Reflection → Responsibility)

1) The Heart of God — He Moves Toward the One

Read: Luke 15:3–7, 2 Peter 3:9

Say: God doesn’t see crowds — He sees individuals. The shepherd moves because the one matters.

Ask: What does this story reveal about God’s priorities? Why does heaven celebrate one person? How does this challenge how we view evangelism? Who did God use to reach you personally?

Living Room Challenge #1 — Burden Test

Ask yourself: “Do I feel anything for the one I wrote down?”

If not: Ask God to give you His compassion, Pray for His eyes, not just strategy. Because you cannot invite someone you don’t care about.

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2) The Pattern of Invitation — People Reach People

Read: John 1:40–42, Romans 10:13–15 Andrew meets Jesus → finds Peter. Faith spreads relationally.

Ask: Who are you spiritually responsible for relationally? Why is personal invitation powerful? What fears keep you from moving toward your one? What's harder — noticing or acting?

Living Room Challenge #2 — Visibility Step

This week: Make your one visible daily: Phone wallpaper, Bathroom mirror, Car dashboard, Bible/journal You cannot forget what you see daily.

3) Presence Before Proclamation

Read: Matthew 9:36–38: Jesus saw people before He spoke to them.

Ask: Where are you too busy to notice people? How does distraction compete with compassion? What would it look like to slow down relationally? How does Presence > Preference apply here?

Living Room Challenge #3 — Listen First

This week:

Learn ONE thing about your one /

- Their stress
- Their story
- Their family
- Their fears

Challenge Suggestions

Don't rush the invite — build the relationship.

Listen deeply before you speak boldly.

Connection always precedes invitation.

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AFTER GLOW

(Reflection → Spiritual Weight → Commitment)

Read: Acts 16:29–34

One jailer → one household → generational impact.

Say: You never know what hangs on your one.

Ask: What responsibility comes with proximity? What if you are the only believer in their life? How might obedience affect their eternity? What would regret look like if you never acted?

After Glow Challenge — Prayer Commitment

Everyone commit to: 30 seconds daily prayer / By name / Out loud
Simple prayer: “God, prepare their heart — and mine.”

Have group text thread: Share prayer updates / Encourage consistency

FOLLOW-UP & WEEKLY ACTION PLAN

Week One — Identify

- 1 Write It:** Write their name somewhere visible.
- 2 Share It:** Tell one trusted person.
- 3 Learn Them:** Discover one detail about their life.
- 4 Pray Daily:** Even brief prayers matter.
- 5 Report Back** Next LifeGroup: Share their name/ Share what you learned Accountability builds momentum.

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