Small Group Discussion Guide

Pray & Go - Week 3: "Who's Your One?"

Scripture: John 1:35-51

Getting Started

- 1. The message started with a story about Pastor MaryAnn's flight experience. She went from wanting two hours of quiet to having a deep conversation with her seatmate. Have you ever had a similar "divine appointment" where a seemingly ordinary moment turned into an important conversation or connection?
- 2. The sermon's **Big Idea** is that God invites us to make an impact on the world by reaching one person at a time. What are some of the ways we get overwhelmed by the idea of "loving everyone everywhere" and why is the concept of "one" a less intimidating way to start?

God Works Through One-on-One Invitations (John 1:35–45)

- 1. The sermon highlights a ripple effect: John points to Andrew, and then Andrew points to Simon. Jesus connects with Philip, and Philip connects with Nathanael. What does this pattern of personal invitation teach us about how God's kingdom grows? Has there been a person in your life who invited you or pointed you to Jesus? Share about that person and how they made an impact on you spiritually.
- 2. This message contrasts a "viral" culture with the "quiet, personal, and deeply relational" way God's kingdom often grows. In what ways can we shift our mindset from seeking big programs/events

- and instant results to valuing small, consistent, one-on-one connections? What steps can be taken in your own life?
- 3. The story of Thom and his hair stylist, Kristen, illustrates a long-term, friendship-based approach. What's a practical way you can build a deeper, more intentional relationship with your "one" person?

God Has Already Prepared the Way (John 1:47–50)

- 1. Jesus told Nathanael, "I saw you while you were still under the fig tree," which was a sign that God was already at work in his heart. Have you ever felt a strong sense that God was already preparing someone's heart before you even spoke to them?
- 2. The sermon explains that our job isn't to change someone's life but to "join in where God is already moving." How does this idea relieve the pressure we often feel to have all the right answers or to be super-persuasive?
- 3. Think about the closing prayer's request for courage. What is one specific fear or hesitation you have when it comes to inviting or talking to your "one" person about faith?

Your Next Step

- 1. Through this message, we were challenged to identify our "one" and begin praying for them daily. Who came to mind for you as you listened to the sermon?
- 2. The sermon provided a list of specific things to pray for your "one." Which of these prayers feels most important or relevant to the person you are praying for right now?
 - God's love, joy, and peace for them.

- An awareness of God's presence.
- Open doors for conversations.
- A softened heart to be open to Jesus.
- The right moment to tell them about Jesus.
- And that you'd have courage in that moment.
- 3. If you've already identified your "one," what is one small, tangible step you can take this week to show them God's love in a practical way?