

All

## Small Group Guide



**ALL PEOPLE  
PRAYED FOR BY NAME  
CONNECTED WITH JESUS**

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Therefore  
Go...

EVERY CHRISTIAN CAN...

# PRAY+ CONNECT

**PRAY+CONNECT** directly responds to the human need for relationship and is so simple everyone can do it.



## **ADOPT AND PRAY FOR YOUR FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS**

Until every person in your community is being prayed for by name.



## **CONNECT WITH THEM PERSONALLY**

By nurturing relationships and meeting felt needs.



## **CONNECT THEM WITH JESUS**

By being open about your relationship with Jesus and sharing with them the good news of the Gospel.



## **CONNECT THEM WITH THE BIBLE**

By engaging them with the life-giving words of the Holy Scriptures.



## **CONNECT THEM WITH A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY**

To help them grow in their new-found faith.



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## WHO ARE YOUR "ALL"?

Everybody knows people who don't know Jesus yet.

### LOOK AROUND YOU

You are with people every day - at work, in school, online, on the phone, having fun with friends and family. What would it look like if **every person** around you were prayed for by name and connected with regularly?

### STEP OUTSIDE YOUR DOOR

Now, have a look up and down the street/corridor/stairs - you can begin to reach people by starting right where you live, work and play.

### TOGETHER FOR ALL

You don't need to do it alone. Encourage your family and friends to pray for and connect with the people around them. If we do this together, we can reach All.

### EVERY CHRISTIAN?

Wouldn't it be great if all of God's people were to rise to the challenge to adopt and pray for their friends, family and neighbors?

**Even if just 1 of 3 evangelical/born-again Christians would adopt 10 households**, every person in America would be covered multiple times.

## MY "ALL"

Every believer has a role in finishing the Great Commission that Jesus gave us. **PRAY+CONNECT** is about strategically and practically doing your part in this urgent hour.

This small group guide is designed to help you pray for and connect with the people around you. Begin by identifying at least six individuals in your sphere that you will commit to reach over the next six weeks.



### NEIGHBORS

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### WORK

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### FRIENDS

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### SCHOOL/UNIVERSITY

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### FAMILY

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### ANYWHERE

*(The gym, cafe,  
library, park...)*

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# HOW TO USE

## SESSION 6: WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

### INTRODUCTION

The early Church was a community characterized by its devotion. All the believers were of one mind; committing themselves to God's Word, remembering Christ's sacrifice, prayer, and caring for one another's needs. Through Christ, believers from different economic, cultural, and ethnic backgrounds became a family that loved one another deeply. As they submitted themselves to unity and humility, God moved powerfully in their midst.



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Why is important to do life  
with other people?

Video Link: [www.AllAmerica.org/SG-community](http://www.AllAmerica.org/SG-community)

**Read Passage:**  
*Acts 2:42-47*

### Discussion Questions

What stood out to you in this passage?

What does the passage tell us about God?

What does the passage tell us about people?

### Application

How can you apply what you learned today?

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### WHO CAN YOU CONNECT TO A CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY?

Has anyone on your prayer list become a new believer? Can you invite them to your small group or your church gathering?

## CHECK-IN

Spend time sharing how your connections are going with the people you are praying for. Any testimonies? Any prayer requests?

## DISCOVER TRUTH

Each session is designed to help you discover what the Bible says about the finish lines of the Great Commission, and do your part where you live, work, and play. Use the outline below as a guide.

- Read session intros
- Watch short video
- Read passage
- Discuss together

## APPLY IT

How is God leading you to apply what you have learned? What are practical steps you can take today? Share your application with your group.

## PRAY+CONNECT

Spend time thinking of ways to connect with the people you are praying for. Use the questions to brainstorm ideas.

Check online for resources & downloads:

[ALLAMERICA.ORG/RESOURCES](http://ALLAMERICA.ORG/RESOURCES)

# SESSION 1: WHY ALL?

## INTRODUCTION

After his resurrection, Jesus appeared to his disciples over the course of forty days to convince them he was indeed alive and to speak about the kingdom of God. His last appearance was on a mountain in Galilee. It is there that Jesus gave his disciples, both present and future, the honor of participating with him in a mission so far-reaching and all-encompassing that it would only be possible with his power and presence.



### Watch Video

Why should we commit to reach all with the gospel?

Video Link: [www.AllAmerica.org/SG-reach-all](http://www.AllAmerica.org/SG-reach-all)

### Read Passage:

Matthew 28:18-20

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#### ARE YOU COMMITTED TO DOING YOUR PART IN GOD'S MISSION?

God has uniquely situated you to make an impact in the lives of those around you. In your own way, commit to reaching your "All."

# SESSION 2: BEGIN WITH PRAYER

## INTRODUCTION

Paul instructs Timothy, a leader in the Church, to teach believers to pray for everyone, even for kings and those in authority. As they put prayer first, they had the privilege of participating in God's work. Because they were the children of God, they could ask God for anything. But the greatest prayer they were to offer for all people was for their salvation. This pleases God because he desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.



### Watch Video

What is the value of prayer in sharing the gospel?

Video Link: [www.AllAmerica.org/SG-prayer](http://www.AllAmerica.org/SG-prayer)

### Read Passage:

1 Timothy 2:1-7

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### HOW DO YOU PLAN TO PRAY FOR YOUR "ALL"?

Is there a time in the day that is best for praying through your list? Have you thought about prayer walking your neighborhood?



# SESSION 3: SHOW LOVE IN ACTION

## INTRODUCTION

The ministry of Jesus consisted of demonstrating the love of God for the weak and broken. As Jesus traveled throughout the villages, the spiritual and physical needs of the people were constantly before him. The crowds who followed him were like sheep without a shepherd to take care of them. When Jesus saw them, he felt compassion. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, raised the dead, and delivered those who were bound.



### Watch Video

What is the importance of showing compassion to people?

### Read Passage:

**Matthew 9:35-38**

Video Link: [www.AllAmerica.org/SG-compassion](http://www.AllAmerica.org/SG-compassion)

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### WHAT CAN YOU DO TO DEMONSTRATE GOD'S CARE?

Are there any specific needs you can meet for someone you are praying for?  
Is there a neighbor you can give a plate of cookies to this week?

# SESSION 4: INTRODUCE JESUS

## INTRODUCTION

Paul and his companions were sent out to preach the gospel. As they traveled from region to region, they depended on the Holy Spirit to guide them each step of the way. Sometimes they did not know where they were going to preach until it was revealed to them. The Holy Spirit, who empowered them to be witnesses, also helped them know where to witness and went ahead of them to prepare the way.



### Watch Video

Why is it exciting to share the gospel with people?

Video Link: [www.AllAmerica.org/SG-evangelism](http://www.AllAmerica.org/SG-evangelism)

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**Acts 16:6-15**

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### WHO IS READY TO HEAR THE GOOD NEWS?

Is there anyone on your prayer list who is asking questions about God? Can you share the Gospel with them?

# SESSION 5: SHARE GOD'S WORD

## INTRODUCTION

Everywhere that Jesus went, he would share God's Word with people. The crowds who followed him were amazed at the way he taught. He did not speak like any other teacher of God's Word. He spoke with authority. This is why he could command the crowds to not only listen to what he said, but to do it. Anyone who did obey what he said would be a wise person. But anyone who did not do what he said would experience a great loss.



### Watch Video

Why is bible engagement important?

Video Link: [www.AllAmerica.org/SG-bible](http://www.AllAmerica.org/SG-bible)

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**Matthew 7:24-29**

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### WHO CAN YOU CONNECT TO THE BIBLE?

Is there someone you are praying for who needs a Bible? Can you purchase a Bible for them?

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# SESSION 7: WHAT'S NEXT?

## REFLECTION

In the past several weeks of doing **PRAY+CONNECT**, you have probably had both challenging and rewarding moments as you stepped out to connect with your "All". Spend time reflecting on your experience and share it with your group.

### Discussion Questions

What are some of your highlights?

In what areas were you challenged the most?

How have you experienced growth?

## KEEP GOING

**PRAY+CONNECT** is a lifestyle of intentionally doing your part in the Great Commission by reaching the people around you. Are you still connecting with your "All"? Don't stop. Have all the people on your prayer list become new believers? Choose another six people in your sphere to pray for and connect with regularly.

Do you have a desire to mobilize believers to reach people where they live, work, and play? Below is a list of ways to get others involved.

- Start a Pray+Connect small group in your home or at your school
- Participate in local initiatives that are working to reach All of America
- Connect with your pastor about ways your church can get involved (see **all.america/churches**)

Check online for resources & downloads:

**ALLAMERICA.ORG/RESOURCES**



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