

## REACH ONE FAMILY GUIDE - WEEK 1

Jesus spent hundreds of hours with His disciples, guiding them and teaching them to love and serve those around them. Hours before He would go to the cross, in an upper room, He shared a special Passover meal with them. During this meal, He gave them new instructions, a command He called them to follow.

*"I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you." John 13:34 NIV.*

Why would He give this command now, right before He would leave them? How would they know how to carry out this command without Him by their side? The truth is, the disciples had been given a front row seat, observing firsthand how Jesus lived this out. They had experienced Jesus' love and compassion for themselves. They would know how to love one another, because they watched and learned from the master Himself. *Jesus loved people and reached one person, one at a time.* Listen to what 1John 2:5 NIV says. "But if anyone obeys God's word, then that person truly loves God. Here is how we know we belong to him. Those who claim to belong to him must live just as Jesus did."

All through the Gospels, we can see how Jesus lived, loving people reaching *then one by one*, and we are called to live the same way. Your family can make a difference in the lives of those around you! Want to make a difference? Focus on the one. That's it. That's the Jesus way.

### **Week One - Reach One *Unnoticed*, Luke 8:43-48**

Have you ever used the zoom lens to take a picture on your phone. It's easy to quickly zoom into whatever you want to bring it into focus, making that one thing crystal clear. In the Gospels, Jesus seemed use a zoom lens. Many times, we find that He is among crowds of people, and it's in these crowds He sees one, who otherwise, would have gone completely unnoticed. This is the way of Jesus. When someone stood in front of Him, time stopped. His schedule, His plans, His to do list seemed to take a back seat to the one person standing in front of Him. Jesus changed the world, one person at a time.

As you dig deeper into God's Word with your family, start by praying this prayer together: ***Jesus, help me see the one person you want me to see.***

Read Luke: 8:40-48. How many times do you see the word "crowd" or "crowds"? Two people wanted Jesus' help who were they?

The woman who had been sick didn't want to draw attention to herself. She was ok to be unnoticed. So, she just touched Jesus' clothes. Jesus was already going with Jairus to heal his daughter. So, why do you think Jesus stopped and spoke to this woman? Talk about it.

How do you think this woman felt, knowing that not only had she been healed, but that Jesus called her a "daughter" and told her she could have peace? How would you have felt if you were this woman...if Jesus saw you in the crowd and helped you?

**Family response:**

Jesus didn't focus on the crowds; He focused on the one. This week, would your family commit to praying this simple prayer? *"Jesus, help me see the one person you want me to see."*

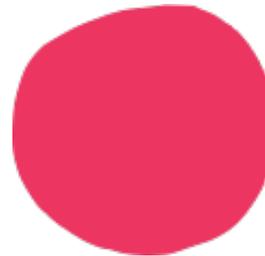
Think about the "crowds" in your life: school, work, neighborhood, home. Pray and ask Jesus to show you one person in your "crowd" who needs to be noticed. Come back together sometime this week to complete this portion of the family guide

Who is someone you noticed? Write down their name in one of the bubbles. Why did you notice them? Together, talk about it! Take a few minutes and pray for the one that Jesus put in your path.

Work



School



Neighborhood



Family

