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Evangelism at Antioch

Who's Your One?

Prayer · Care · Invite · Share

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Prayer	**Care**	**Invite**	**Share**

PARTICIPANT MANUAL · TWELVE SESSIONS

"Come and see."

JOHN 1:46 (ESV)

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ONE CHURCH · THREE GUIDES

I
Who's Your One?
How we reach people

II
The Disciple's Journey
How we make disciples

III
Entrusted to the Faithful
How we raise leaders

I am because we are

How the Three Guides Fit Together

Three things sit at the core of our life together: reaching the lost, making disciples, and raising leaders. Three guides describe how we do this together. They are not three programs; they are one life together, seen from three sides.

THIS GUIDE

I

Who's Your One?

How we reach people

Are we sharing the gospel?

One member, one relationship, carried before God through Prayer · Care · Invite · Share.

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II

The Disciple's Journey

How we make disciples

Are we making disciples?

Five phases, Discover to Grow, walked together, not alone, toward Christlikeness.

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III

Entrusted to the Faithful

How we raise leaders

Who will teach others also?

Some growing disciples are invited to lead, prepared, and entrusted to raise up the next.

↺ EVERY LEADER WALKS WITH A NEW ONE, AND THE PATHWAY BEGINS AGAIN

> *Disciples making disciples. Leaders raising leaders.*

ABOUT THIS GUIDE

Who's Your One?

Who's Your One? is Antioch's evangelistic approach: one member, one relationship, carried before God through Prayer · Care · Invite · Share. This participant manual walks a discipleship group through twelve sessions: two to get started, five that name and overcome the barriers that keep us quiet, and five labs that build the skills.

ROOTED IN

John 1:46. Philip didn't argue with Nathanael's doubt; he simply invited. Every member can say, "Come and see."

WHO IT'S FOR

Every member. No title or training required, only one person already in your life.

HOW TO USE IT

In a discipleship group, one session per meeting, or on your own in writing. The tools at the back stay with you after the study ends.

Participant Manual

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Who's Your One?

Most people do not come to faith because of a program. They come because someone who loved them prayed for them, stayed close through a hard season, invited them to come and see, and told them the truth about Jesus. That is the whole approach in one question: **Who's your one?**

Your one is one person already in your life whom you are carrying before God: a coworker, a neighbor, a family member, an old friend. Not a crowd or a list. One person, walked with at the pace that relationship needs.

At Antioch, discipleship has a name: The Disciple's Journey. Who's Your One? is its evangelistic partner. When your one has a personal relationship with you, they have already begun The Disciple's Journey at its second step, Connect, and the whole church walks with them from there.

Our Approach at a Glance

	The Disciple's Journey	Who's Your One?
Purpose	Discipleship	Evangelism
Question	Are we making disciples?	Are we sharing the gospel?
Path	Discover · Connect · Experience · Decide · Grow	Prayer · Care · Invite · Share
Carried by	The whole church, through its systems of care	Every member, one relationship at a time
Equipping	New Member Formation · The Grow Experience	This study and the five skills
How we know	Steps people take, from Discover to Grow	Ones named, invitations made, ones who come

A word about the name

"Who's your one?" is a question we ask one another. It is never something we say to the person. The people we're reaching are wary of feeling targeted. **Your one should experience a friend, not a campaign.**

Introduction · Before You Begin

How to Use This Study

Three parts, twelve sessions, each designed to fit inside a discipleship-group meeting.

GETTING STARTED

Lessons 1A and 1B

About 15 minutes each. Always first; they can be done together.

PART ONE · BARRIERS

Lessons 2–6

About 20–25 minutes each.

PART TWO · SKILLS

Labs 1–5

About 20 minutes each.

Walking With Your One (pages 18–20) holds the tools you'll keep using: the Rhythm, what to do when your one shows up, and your tracker. **The order.** Usually Part One, then Part Two. During a season of focus, do Part Two first so Lab 5's invitation lands before the church-wide event.

THE CHECK-IN · 3 MINUTES · IN TWOS OR THREES

Prayer. Who did you pray for this week?

Care. How did you show care?

Invite. Did you invite anyone to anything?

Share. Did a story or the gospel come up?

Share one. "Not yet" is a real answer. If time runs short, protect the check-in and "This week."

LET US KNOW ABOUT YOUR ONE

Name your one in your discipleship group, or text **ONE** to the church at **(855) 610-4393**, then reply with a first name or initials. It lets us pray with you and celebrate what God does. Mark each week on the My One Tracker at the back.

READING ON YOUR OWN?

Answer each Check-in and Discuss question in writing. Try the practice with a friend or family member, and ask someone to text you each week and ask what happened.

The Words We Use

Your one. The single person you've chosen to pray for, care for, invite, and share with.

Stay. Remaining in the relationship after a next step. It doesn't end at a yes.

Season of focus. The eight weeks before each church-wide event, practiced together.

God's Story. A self-paced Bible app with no group and no schedule.

The five skills. Prayer, Care, Turning the Conversation, Testimony, Invite: how we do Prayer · Care · Invite · Share.

The Rhythm. Where your one can come: anytime, monthly, quarterly, and three church-wide events.

Fast & Fellowship. Our monthly relational gathering; usually the easiest first invitation.

The follow-up tool. The NFC bracelet or keychain (or bit.ly/Antioch-Ready) that opens a personal page of next steps.

Getting Started · About 15 Min

1A Who We're Reaching

CHOOSE YOUR ONE

CHECK-IN Where are you right now in Prayer, Care, Invite, and Share?

Antioch is trying to reach people who need a genuine, relational, low-pressure way back into faith and community. In our area, only 21% attend religious services regularly and 45% never do (Church Answers/Esri), yet 51.4% are formally affiliated with a congregation (ARDA). So we're reaching the truly unchurched and those who claim a church home on paper but don't attend. We picture them as a composite: "*Reachable Rhonda*" and "*Searching Seth.*"

Their connection. Already connected to a member as a coworker, family member, or neighbor. Not a cold prospect.

Their life right now. Carrying something: transition, isolation, recovery, grief, or burnout. Seeking stability and belonging.

What draws them. Authenticity, one consistent person, being known, a low-stakes way in at their own pace.

Their posture. Curious but wary of "churchy" pressure. They may have drifted, have no background, or carry a hard past experience with church.

What may weigh on them. Financial pressure, silent anxiety or grief, family strain, loneliness.

What repels them. Feeling like the target of a campaign, or programs that feel like more to keep up with.

> *The person we can actually reach is already in a member's life, carrying something they haven't named out loud, and looking for a way in that doesn't ask them to perform.*

> DISCUSS *Who in your life fits that picture? What might they be carrying?*

Note. This describes who we're most suited to reach, not a filter. The only test is that they're already connected to you. If no one comes to mind, pray for God to bring someone to mind, and practice care with the people you already meet.

APPLY

Choose your one and write their name. Begin praying for them by name this week. Don't rush the invitation; care and trust come first. If trust is already there, as with family, you may be ready sooner.

MY ONE	WHAT THEY'RE CARRYING	WHAT THEY MIGHT NEED

Getting Started · About 15 Min

1B How We Work

WHERE TO INVITE: PAGE 18

CHECK-IN Start where you left off. Did you pray for your one by name this week?

THE STRATEGY · PRAYER · CARE · INVITE · SHARE

This is how every member walks with their one: the work of one member inside one relationship, week to week. These are postures, not a script.

Prayer

Carrying someone before God, before any outward move.

MARKER
You prayed for your one by name this week.

Care

Real trust over time through presence, listening, and empathy.

MARKER
You took one intentional step of presence: a call, a visit, a text, a listening conversation.

Invite

Something low-stakes and shared, by day and time, going with them.

MARKER
You offered a specific next step by day and time, and offered to go with them.

Share

Your own story and the gospel, plainly, when the door opens.

MARKER
You told part of your story or the gospel in a real conversation.

Prayer and Care come first and undergird everything. Invite and Share follow in whatever order the relationship calls for. Sometimes an invitation opens the door to a gospel conversation; sometimes a testimony is what makes someone willing to come. And the relationship never ends at a yes. **We stay.**

Why one relationship matters most. Rhonda and Seth are already in someone's life right now, as a coworker, neighbor, or family member of a person sitting in our pews. The friendships you already have are the most natural way they will ever hear about Jesus.

DISCUSS *Which of the four do you already do without thinking, and which will take the most effort?*

HOW IT MEETS THE DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

Prayer and Care	Your one is **Connected** through a personal relationship with you.
Invite	Your one gets to **Experience** Christian community firsthand.
Share	Your one is invited to **Decide** for Christ.
Stay	At every step, and as your one begins to **Grow**.

Prayer and Care run the whole way. Invite and Share happen whenever the relationship is ready.

THE FOUR NON-NEGOTIABLES

1. The person is already connected to someone at Antioch.
2. The first move is relational, not programmatic.
3. Care and trust are earned before any ask or invitation.
4. The relationship does not disappear after a next step.

DISCUSS *Which will be hardest to keep once you're eager for someone to come?*

2 Reclaiming Opportunity

BARRIER · FEAR

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

OPENING

Nearly one-third of Antioch respondents named fear of rejection as their biggest obstacle. Nationally, 44% of Christians say they'd avoid a spiritual conversation if they knew a non-Christian friend would reject them (Barna). In the sermon, Pastor Hawkins told of freezing at a coffee shop and staying silent, though God later gave him another chance.

> DISCUSS *When have you had an opening to talk about Jesus and stayed quiet?*

TEXT

Since the first Easter, fear has kept people from sharing. Read Mark 16:1–8. What do the women do in verse 8?

I. Remember the importance of the message.

The resurrection message is "of first importance" (1 Corinthians 15:3), and it was what the disciples needed to hear, including Peter, who denied Jesus three times. *"When we understand what's at stake, we are better able to overcome our fear and share the only message that prepares people for eternity."*

> DISCUSS *Who overcame their fear so you could hear this news? What is at stake for the people you haven't told?*

II. Have an encounter with Jesus.

The passage ends with the women silent and afraid. In other scenes, Jesus shows up and speaks to fear: walking on the water, Jairus's daughter, the Transfiguration, the locked room (Matt 14:22–33; Mark 5:21–43; Matt 17:1–8; John 20:19–21).

> DISCUSS *Which of those scenes speaks to your fear?*

APPLY · YOUR ONE

Go to God in prayer. Confess your fears, ask for courage, prepare for gospel conversations in advance, and leave the results to God. Write your fear and a one-line prayer for courage for your one.

Toolbox: Lab 1, Praying for Others.

3 Reclaiming Urgency

BARRIER · INACTION

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

OPENING

Lifeway found that 55% of churchgoers hadn't told anyone how to become a Christian in six months, though 56% pray weekly for the chance (2019). At Antioch, 6 of 10 who answered hadn't had a faith conversation in three months, yet 7 of 10 are praying for at least one unsaved or unchurched person by name. Urgency bridges that gap.

> DISCUSS *Where is the gap between who you have prayed for and what you have actually done?*

TEXT

This scene sits between the woman at the well and the Samaritans who believe. Jesus's lesson is for the disciples. Read John 4:31–38, and notice verses 36–38: who sows, and who reaps?

I. Change the source of our sustenance.

The disciples' "Rabbi, eat" was a fair concern, but Jesus names another food: doing the Father's will and accomplishing His work. *"When we develop a spiritual thirst for the things of God, our urgent response will satisfy that thirst."*

> DISCUSS *What fair "Rabbi, eat" concerns keep you from the Father's work?*

II. View what we see through the right lens.

"Lift up your eyes." Jesus means spiritual eyes. When we care for someone's struggle, we listen for the need underneath it: forgiveness, grace, mercy, and the good news.

> DISCUSS *Think of your one. What spiritual need might sit under what they're carrying?*

APPLY · YOUR ONE

The baton has been passed to us. This week, listen for the spiritual need underneath your one's struggle, and write down what you heard. If the door opens into a gospel conversation, walk through it. Don't wait for perfect words; noticing is the assignment.

Toolbox: Labs 2 and 3, Care and Turning the Conversation.

4 Reclaiming Simplicity

BARRIER · WHAT TO SAY

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

OPENING

Multiple Antioch respondents said not knowing what to say holds them back. Nationally, "lack of knowledge of faith issues" is a top-three obstacle for Scripture-engaged Christians at 15%, and 31% among Gen Z (Baptist Press).

> DISCUSS *If someone asked you tonight what the gospel is, what would you say?*

TEXT

Paul wrote to correct a belief that the resurrection wasn't real, and in doing so he shows how simple the message is. Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–8.

I. A timely reminder.

What we heard, what we received, and what we're holding on to. *"Keep holding on to the same message that you heard… that you received… that is not in vain."*

> DISCUSS *Who first preached the gospel to you? How old were you, and where were you?*

II. A timeless message.

It has four parts, simple enough that Pastor Hawkins's father, a deacon, could explain it to a choir stand of kids in a five-minute lesson.

THE TRUTH	THE PROOF	THE TRUTH	THE PROOF
Christ died for our sins.	**He was buried.**	**He was raised on the third day.**	**He appeared.**

> DISCUSS *Say the four parts in your own words in 30 seconds.*

APPLY · YOUR ONE

When the door opens, tell your one: *"The Bible says Christ died for our sins… he was buried… he was raised on the third day… he appeared."* If they believe that message and receive Jesus, they shall be saved. "Whatever you do, keep it simple." If your one says yes, see page 16.

Toolbox: Lab 4 practices saying it in your own words.

Part One · Lesson 5 · 2 Corinthians 3:4–6

5 Reclaiming Sufficiency

BARRIER · FEELING UNQUALIFIED

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

OPENING

Several Antioch answers spoke to feeling inadequate. Nationally, only 23% of Christians say they're ready for any opportunity to tell someone how to become a Christian (Lifeway, 2022).

> DISCUSS *What do you think you would need before you would feel qualified to share your faith?*

TEXT

Paul is defending his apostleship. In 2:15–16, he calls us "the aroma of Christ" and asks, "Who is sufficient for these things?" Read 2 Corinthians 3:4–6, where he answers.

I. The reality of confidence.

It is possible, but it isn't internal. It comes through Christ; it is our standing before God, not something we give to God. Confidence based on self leads to pride, frustration, or blame. *"Biblical confidence isn't cockiness; it's dependence on Christ."*

> DISCUSS *When you judge whether you're ready to share your faith, what are you measuring yourself by?*

II. The reality of sufficiency.

It comes from God, and its aim is to make us ministers of the new covenant through proclaiming the gospel. God declares it, and we still grow in it: studying the Word, yielding to the Spirit, trusting His grace, and believing the Son.

> DISCUSS *Which of those four do you most need to lean into this month?*

APPLY · YOUR ONE

Answer in writing, then share one: Who are you trusting to make you sufficient to reach your one, self or God? Are you willing to draw closer through studying, yielding, trusting, and believing?

Toolbox: Lab 1, where dependence gets practical.

6 Reclaiming Community

BARRIER · THEIR RESISTANCE

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

OPENING

Only 22% of Christians believe non-Christians are open to hearing how to become a Christian, and 37% think they'd find it pushy (Lifeway, 2022). The first four barriers were in us. Today's barrier is in the people we're sent to, or in how we see them.

> DISCUSS *Who have you quietly written off as too resistant to hear it?*

TEXT

Jesus heals a man in the region of the Gerasenes. The townspeople are afraid and beg Jesus to leave, and they are the very people the healed man is sent to. Read Mark 5:18–20.

I. A request, and a response.

The man wants to go with Jesus, which is reasonable; it shows gratitude and loyalty. But Jesus, who granted the spirits' request (to enter the pigs) and the people's request (to leave), tells him no.

> DISCUSS *Can Jesus tell you no? Are you mature enough to let Him?*

II. A redirect, and a resolve.

"Go home" means to where they knew you at your worst, where they begged Jesus to leave, the place you wanted to leave. "Tell them," because they need to see it and hear it for themselves. *"Jesus sends us back to reclaim community, not leave it without a witness."* He went and began to proclaim, and the text doesn't say he stopped.

> DISCUSS *What is your "home," the place you wanted to leave?*

APPLY · YOUR ONE

What family member needs to see that God still delivers? What friend from back in the day needs to hear what the Lord has done? If your one is someone like that, write what you would tell them about how much the Lord has done for you. If the moment comes this week, say it.

Toolbox: Labs 4 and 5, the telling and the asking.

L1 Praying for Others

SKILL · PRAYER

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

WHY AND WHEN

"*No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him.*" Prayer is how we join that drawing. It seeks God on their behalf and prepares their heart and ours before we ever speak. Use it any time someone comes to mind, before a conversation happens or long after one already has.

HOW · THREE MARKS

Specific

Pray for them by name.

Compassionate

Ask God to burden your heart for them.

Expectant

Ask God to prepare their heart for your witness.

PRACTICE · 8 MIN

Write a prayer for your one using all three marks. Include something real: their heart, their circumstances, or their openness to God. Then pair up and pray it aloud for each other's one, sharing only what you're comfortable sharing.

MY PRAYER FOR MY ONE

THIS WEEK

Pray for your one, by name, every day.

On your own: write the prayer out and pray it daily.

CLOSE

"The Harvest Is Plentiful."

Half the work happens before you ever open your mouth.

Part Two · Lab 2 · John 13:35

L2 Caring for Others

SKILL · CARE

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

WHY AND WHEN

"By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." Quality care isn't automatic. It's a skill that can be learned, and it's often the very thing God uses to reach someone's life. Use it whenever you engage a person.

HOW · QUALITY CHRISTIAN CARE

1. **Compassion**
   Being moved to action to lessen the suffering of others.
2. **Presence**
   Being fully aware of the moment, free from distractions.
3. **Listening**
   Giving full attention. Struggles, fears, and joys are what spiritual conversation is made of.
4. **Empathy**
   Experiencing their feelings with them, not just understanding them.
5. **Discernment**
   Responding to their true need. Often the most natural bridge is, *"Can I tell you what got me through something like that?"*

PRACTICE · 8 MIN

In pairs, one person shares a small real struggle for one minute. The listener practices Presence (no phone, no fixing), then says back what they heard and what they think the person feels. Discuss what the person most needed, then swap.

THIS WEEK

Practice quality care with your one. God has called us to care, not cure. Come alongside them; don't try to fix them.

On your own: which of the five did you practice, and which was missing?

CLOSE

"Care Begins at the Center."

It starts with you and your one. Then the whole church widens the circle.

Part Two · Lab 3 · Acts 8:30

L3 Turning the Conversation

SKILL · SHARE

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

WHY AND WHEN

Philip heard the man reading Isaiah and asked, "*Do you understand what you are reading?*" There are often spiritual issues underneath the surface of a conversation, and knowing how to reach them opens the door. Use it the moment an ordinary conversation offers an opening: a struggle, a question, or an honest moment.

HOW · THE BRIDGE

1
Notice
Listen for a struggle, a question, or an honest moment.

2
Acknowledge
Name what you hear, with empathy: "That sounds really hard."

3
Ask
"Can I tell you what helped me with something like that?" or "I wonder if you might consider..."

4
Follow
Whatever they say, follow their lead. The door stays open either way.

PRACTICE · 8 MIN

Work in groups of three. The speaker names a real or realistic struggle or question. The responder practices Notice, Acknowledge, and Ask. The speaker answers yes or no, and the responder Follows either way. The observer names which step was missed. Rotate roles.

MY BRIDGE, IN MY OWN WORDS

THIS WEEK

Notice one opening with your one and use your bridge. Not your whole testimony, just the door.

On your own: list two openings you've noticed recently.

CLOSE

"Whatever Happens Next Feeds Forward."

The bridge leads to a testimony, yours or someone else's, or to the gospel itself (Lab 4).

L4 Sharing Your Testimony

SKILL · SHARE

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

WHY AND WHEN

"Always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you." Gospel conversations can happen at any time, so being ready in advance matters. Use it once the door is open and they're asking you to go deeper, whether that calls for a story or a straightforward answer.

HOW · TWO SHAPES

What God is doing now

What was happening (the situation you were in) → How God impacted it (what changed through your relationship with Him) → How your faith community helped.

Your salvation story

Before → How → After: what life was like before Christ, how you came to trust Him, and what's changed since.

PRACTICE · 8 MIN

Write three sentences in the first shape, or the opening line of each part of your salvation story (4 min). Then tell it to a partner in about a minute (2 min each).

WHEN YOUR ONE SAYS YES

1. **Pray with them**, in your own words. Let them tell God they believe: "If you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (Romans 10:9).
2. **Celebrate**, and let Pastor Hawkins know that day so he can reach out.
3. **Send the Decide page** for what comes next: bit.ly/Antioch-Decide
4. **Stay.** A yes is a beginning, not a finish line.

THIS WEEK

Take fifteen minutes with pen and paper. Write your salvation story and how you'll use Scripture to present the gospel to your one.

On your own: read it aloud once.

CLOSE

"Just the Truth."

You're not trying to win an argument. You're just telling the truth about what happened.

L5 Inviting Others

SKILL · INVITE

CHECK-IN · 3 MIN Name your one, then share one: Prayer, Care, Invite, or Share. *"Not yet" is a real answer.*

WHY AND WHEN

Philip didn't argue with Nathanael's skepticism. He just said, *"Come and see."* Sometimes the best way to witness is to invite someone to experience God's love in community. Any church-sponsored activity is a low-pressure step that often yields big results. During a season of focus, the natural invitation is the coming church-wide event; at other times, a quarterly community gathering or Fast & Fellowship is often the easiest first step.

HOW · FOUR MOVES

1
Ask
"Do you go to church anywhere regularly?" Respectful, not presumptuous.

2
Explain
Why Antioch matters to you, or how it might meet a need you've noticed.

3
Invite
Be specific by day and time, and offer to go together.

4
Respond
Whatever they say, respond with grace. Success is obedience, not outcome.

PRACTICE · 8 MIN

In pairs, practice Ask and Explain, then give a specific invitation to a real upcoming Antioch event. Your partner answers yes, no, or maybe, and you respond with grace. Swap.

MY INVITATION · EVENT, DAY, AND TIME

THIS WEEK

Invite your one to the event that fits them best, by day and time, and offer to go with them. For where to invite, see page 18. If they come, you are their ambassador (page 19).

Next time you meet, check in on how the invitation went.

CLOSE

"The Invite's Always Open."

Your job is to invite well, not to secure a yes. Whatever happens next, you were faithful.

Where Your One Can Come

Your relationship needs somewhere to go. Every week, Antioch offers authentic preaching and community, and care from people trained in Quality Christian Care. Around that, we keep a steady rhythm of low-pressure places to invite your one. Find dates and details on Church Connect: **bit.ly/Antioch-Info**.

ANYTIME
At their own pace

God's Story, our self-paced Bible app, plus our website, social media, and YouTube. Your one can get general news about us by email: bit.ly/Antioch-Connect. After a real conversation, tap your NFC bracelet or keychain, or text the link bit.ly/Antioch-Ready, to open a personal page of next steps from Pastor Hawkins.

MEETS *A low-stakes way in, at their own pace*

MONTHLY
Fast & Fellowship

Our monthly rhythm of sharing life and care together, and usually the easiest first invitation.

MEETS *To be known, not managed*

QUARTERLY
Community Gatherings

Four times a year, out in the community, not at the church. Food and fellowship, no production, no ask.

MEETS *One person, not a swarm · a low-stakes way in*

THREE TIMES A YEAR
Church-Wide Events

Christmas (winter), Easter (spring), and Family & Friends Day (late summer): culturally familiar moments with no membership ask.

MEETS *To see people like them thriving*

SEASONS OF FOCUS

In the eight weeks before each church-wide event, the whole church asks "Who's your one?" together: a First Sunday commitment, a weekly prompt, and testimonies of what God is doing. Each season ends with an invitation to come and see.

THE HONEST EDGE

Some of what our neighbors carry, like financial pressure, family strain, and loneliness, isn't fully met by what we offer yet. If your one needs more, tell Pastor Hawkins. The calendar gives your relationship somewhere to go, but it does not reach anyone by itself.

FOR MY ONE · WHICH OF THESE FITS YOUR ONE BEST RIGHT NOW?

When Your One Shows Up

Guests who come back three times are far more likely to make Antioch their church home, and what brings them back is almost always a person, not a program. When your one comes on a Sunday or to an event, you are their ambassador: **expect them, welcome them, stay with them, introduce them.** You are the most important follow-up they'll receive.

The First 48 Hours

1 **Thank them the same day.**

A short text is all it takes.

"So glad you came today! Thanks for joining me."

2 **Let Pastor Hawkins know.**

Text or email **pastorhawkins@weareantiochomaha.org** with their name, what they came to, and how to reach them, so he can send a personal note within 48 hours.

Then Keep Walking With Them

3 **Pray.**

"I'm praying for you this week. Is there anything specific I can pray about?"

4 **Care.**

Notice a hard week, a birthday, a need.

"Been thinking about you. How did it go?"

5 **Invite.**

Within two weeks, one specific invitation. Offer to save a seat or give a ride.

"Want to come with me Sunday? I'll save you a seat."

6 **Share.**

When the time is right, share what God is doing in your life, then tap your NFC bracelet or send them the link: bit.ly/Antioch-Ready.

THE GOAL

Three visits in six weeks. Introduce your one to two or three people each time.

NO DEADLINE

Keep walking with them as long as they're responding.

KEEP IT PRIVATE

Share prayer requests with Pastor Hawkins only if your one says it's okay.

My One Tracker

TWELVE WEEKS

Each week, check what you did and note what happened. Bring it to the check-in. It's yours to keep; no one collects it.

MY ONE _____ STARTED _____

WEEK	PRAYED	CARED	INVITED	SHARED	WHAT HAPPENED
1	☐	☐	☐	☐	
2	☐	☐	☐	☐	
3	☐	☐	☐	☐	
4	☐	☐	☐	☐	
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10	☐	☐	☐	☐	
11	☐	☐	☐	☐	
12	☐	☐	☐	☐	

CHECK PRAYED IF

You prayed for your one by name this week.

CHECK CARED IF

You took one intentional step of presence: a call, a visit, a text, a listening conversation.

CHECK INVITED IF

You offered a specific next step by day and time, and offered to go with them.

CHECK SHARED IF

You told part of your story or the gospel in a real conversation.

"Not yet" is a real answer. Faithfulness, not results.