



Our students had moved to the point where they were just coming to the youth group and enjoying time together. They had a “holy huddle” mentality. They had become okay with “just us and no one else.” The “Each 1 Reach 1” series helped our students understand that God calls each of us to help others know the love of Jesus.

The idea that a Youth Pastor was hired to get all the students saved and into the services and then to behave accordingly, was becoming more truth than fiction. The students understood that they were there to be a light in a dark place (their school) and they had the privilege to share with their friends.

Each 1 Reach 1 (E1R1) was created as a 3-week study that challenges your students to share the love of God with their friends one by one. It is a clear challenge from God to each believer, and this study breaks it down easily so students can pray and reach out to their lost friends.

The study talks through how to write out their own personal salvation story. It also teaches what a disciple is and why we are to become one.

Your students will see the need and with God's help, they will reach out to friends one by one!

We were able to have many students who started conversations with friends about Jesus and it led to a good group of students who came to join our group and start living lives as disciples.



Luke 10:25-37 NIV

25 On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal Life?” 26 “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?”

27 He answered, “Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and Love your neighbor as yourself.”

28 “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.”

29 But he wanted to Justify himself, So he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?”

Today, we kick off our long-awaited E1R1 series. The idea is that through the course of this year, each one of us will reach out and bring someone to know Jesus Christ. We want to create disciples here, disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus. That is what we are called to do, right? Listen to this stat:

“If one person shared Christ with a thousand people every year it would take 16,000 years to reach the world. But if each one of us discipled one other person every 6 months... It would take 13 years for the world to be reached... For us to be that much closer to home.”

Why should you care? By show of hands how many of you want to go to heaven?

Ok, hands down. This next question I want you to think about but don't raise your hand. Is your only reason for wanting to go to heaven to avoid hell? Or is your reason for wanting to go to heaven because it is where you will be living with God?

This is what is Jesus and this lawyer were talking about. The lawyer asked about the **how** and Jesus answered with the **why**.

Look back at their conversation. The lawyer asked Jesus, “What do I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus responded by asking “What does the Law say? What does the Old Testament say?”

“ Love the Lord your God with all of your heart and with all of soul with all of your mind and with all of your strength, AND love your neighbor as yourself.” Luke 10:27 NIV

Well what does that mean? What does it mean to love God? What does that look like?

1. First, let’s talk about love; the real kind, not what you girls have been watching on the Bachelor.

There are four words used in the New Testament to describe love: *agape*, *phileo*, *storge*, and *eros*. These words describe to us to what degree we will put someone else’s needs before our own. That is what love is. It is not this feeling that wells up inside of us like a balloon that deflates over time.

Love is a decision to act. It’s a daily decision to place that person, and their needs before yourself!

2. Next, who is God?

For some of us that is an extremely uncomfortable question. It feels like having a girl in all of your classes and you sat next to her, she was even your lab partner. At the end of the year, she comes to you and she asks, “Hey, will you sign my yearbook”? And it’s at that moment you realize... you have no earthly idea what her name is!!!

Now your only options are to take the coward’s way out and write, “Love you! Have a great summer! Besties”! At that point, she knows you don’t know her name. Or, you ask her the awkward question, “Sorry, what is your name?”

Y’all, we are like that with God. We will say, “I have been to church, and I’ve heard about Him, but I really don’t know Him. I don’t know His character, I kind of know His personality... I think and I don’t know His name.”

I want you to know it is ok to ask the question. It is ok to have questions.

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