

4 Ministries: Win

We can help people come to know God

Group Discussion Flow

connect with needs

- ▶ Find out how they are doing. Ask also how their **action to take** and **person to tell** went last week.
- ▶ Pray for wisdom from God for the session.
- ▶ Start by stating: *“People need to know God personally.”*
Then, surface experiences:
“Let me tell you how I have experienced this.”
“Tell us how you have experienced this.”
- ▶ Transition to the Bible by saying, *“God uses people to show others how to know Him personally.”*

notes and preparation checklist

pray

- Pray for wisdom.
- Pray for group members.

connect

- Think of a good personal example to share.
- Decide when and how to transition from **connect** to **hear**.

hear what God says

- ▶ Read (or tell) a Bible story/passage related to the topic.
Choices:
Acts 1:8
Matthew 4:18–22 (story)
Matthew 5:14–16
Two of these passages may be enough to cover in one session.
Commentary:
Acts 1:8 — In this verse, Jesus sent the apostles as witnesses throughout the land. However, they were not to begin until they were equipped with the power of the Holy Spirit. This also applies to us, as we are commanded to go and tell others about Jesus Christ.
Matthew 4:18–22 — Jesus called his first disciples while they were out fishing. He said that if they followed Him, He would make them “fishers of men.” Evangelism was at the heart of Jesus’ ministry.

notes and preparation checklist

hear

Alternate questions to ask:

- Acts 1:8**
What seemed to be most on Jesus’ mind to leave as a final impression with His disciples?
Note: Mention to your group that Acts 1:8 occurs just before Jesus departs from His disciples and ascends into heaven.
- Matthew 4:18–22**
 1. *What kinds of thoughts and daily activities do you suppose occupied the minds of fishermen like Peter and Andrew?*

Matthew 5:14–16 — Once we truly accept Christ into our hearts, we cannot keep our faith hidden. God designed and called each one of us to be a light so people will see Christ through us.

- ▶ Discuss each passage using the following questions, or the alternate questions below:

What do you think this passage teaches us?

What can we learn about God or our response to God?

How do you think this passage relates to the statement we discussed earlier: “People need to know God personally” (and whether we can help in that)?

apply that to life

- ▶ State the main lesson: *“We can help people come to know God.”* Have them write the **lesson learned** on their Mini-Journal card.
- ▶ Discuss:
What are some things that keep us from talking about Christ?
What is one action you can take this week to share Christ with someone who doesn’t know Him?
- ▶ Have them write down their specific **action to take**. Then in groups of two or three, have them share what action they plan to take. Finally, have them pray for one another.

notes and preparation checklist

apply

- Decide when and how to transition from **hear** to **apply**.
- Be prepared to encourage people to a specific action step. Have an example in mind.
- Print [Win Mini Journal](#).

tell someone they know

- ▶ Ask whom they know who might be interested in hearing about what they are learning.
- ▶ Have them write the name after **person to tell**. Then, in groups of two or three, have them share whom they plan to tell. Finally, have them pray for one another.
- ▶ Encourage them to tell those people in the next few days.

notes and preparation checklist

tell

- Encourage people to do this despite their natural tendency not to.
- Look for group members who **tell** easily. They may be good at leading their own group soon.