One More — Group Discussion Guide

Main Idea: God can accomplish immeasurably more through simple steps of obedience. Every person matters to Him, and our willingness to take one more step can make an eternal difference in someone else's life.

Opening Prayer & Icebreaker

Icebreaker: Have you ever made a seemingly small decision that ended up having a much bigger impact than you expected?

Introduction

In this message, Pastor Mark continues sharing the vision of New Collective Church: **To see God do immeasurably more in and through you.**

Through Acts 16, we see how Paul's obedience led him to three very different people: Lydia, an enslaved girl, and a jailer. Each had a different background and different needs, but each mattered to God.

Their stories remind us that we never know how God might use one step of faith to change someone's life.

Discussion Questions

1. One More Step of Obedience

Read Acts 16:9–15.

Paul responded to God's direction by traveling to Macedonia, where he eventually met Lydia. What seemed like a simple step of obedience opened the door for someone to hear and respond to the gospel.

- Pastor Mark said that God's work sometimes happens "suddenly and slowly." What does that mean to you?
- Why is it sometimes difficult to take a step of faith when we don't know what the outcome will be?
- How might God use something you already have—your home, resources, relationships, or abilities—to make a difference in someone else's life?

2. Every Person Matters

Read Acts 16:16–24.

Paul encounters an enslaved girl whose owners were taking advantage of her. While others saw her as a way to make money, God saw someone who needed freedom.

- What stands out to you about the difference between how the girl's owners treated her and how Paul responded to her?
- Why is it sometimes easier to invest in people who are similar to us or who seem receptive to our faith?
- Pastor Mark said, "You matter to God not because of what you bring to Him, but because of who you are to Him." How should that truth influence the way we treat others?

3. Faithfulness in Every Circumstance

Read Acts 16:25–34.

Even after being beaten and imprisoned, Paul and Silas continued praying and worshiping God. Their faithfulness ultimately created an opportunity to share the gospel with the jailer and his family.

- What stands out to you about Paul and Silas's response to their circumstances?
- Pastor Mark said, "Your circumstance does not determine nor dictate your one more step." How can we remain faithful when life isn't going the way we expected?
- Is there someone in your life you've assumed would never be interested in Jesus? How does the jailer's story challenge that assumption?

4. What Starts With One Doesn't Stay With One

Read Acts 16:40 and Philippians 4:14–19.

What began with Paul's obedience and Lydia's response eventually became a community of believers who supported one another and helped spread the gospel.

- How have you seen one person's faithfulness or generosity create opportunities for others?
- Why is generosity about more than simply giving money?
- What would it look like for our group, and our church, to become more intentional about reaching one more person?

Personal Reflection

Pastor Mark reminded us that **the God of immeasurably more is the God of one more.**

- Who is one person God has placed in your life that you could intentionally pray for, encourage, invite, or invest in?
- What's one step of obedience you've been putting off or hesitating to take?

Closing Prayer

Thank God that every person matters to Him, regardless of their background, circumstances, or past.

Pray that God would give each person the courage to respond when He leads them to take another step of faith. Ask Him to open our eyes to the people around us, especially those we might otherwise overlook.

Pray that our group and our church would be known for loving people, sharing the gospel, and remaining faithful in every circumstance.

This Week's Challenge

One More Person. One More Step.

This week, intentionally look for an opportunity to participate in what God is doing.

- **One More Person:** Pray for someone by name and find a practical way to encourage, serve, or connect with them.
- **One More Step:** Identify something God has been leading you toward and take a step of obedience, even if you don't know how everything will unfold.
- **Be Present:** Remember Pastor Mark's reminder: "The church is here." Wherever you go this week, look for opportunities to represent Jesus through your words and actions.

Remember: What starts with one doesn't stay with one. God can use your next step of faith to make a difference far beyond what you can see today.