

Week 5: Who's Your One? & BOLD Relationships

"The starting point of effective outreach is not a system, a program, or a specific presentation. It is a heart deeply in love with God and with people. Without love, no outreach strategy will work. With God's love, we can change the world." Kevin Harney

1) Who's Your One? – Each Person shares with the group:

The apostle Paul boldly says, "Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ" (1 Cor. 11:1). Would I feel comfortable making this declaration? What aspects of my example would I not want others to follow? What can I do to change this?

2) BOLD Gospel – Group Discussion:

- a) How can I change my weekly schedule to make more time and space to explore my community and develop new relationships with nonbelievers?
- b) How do I handle "interruptions"? How might I respond better to them?

3) BOLD Accountability – Weekly Activity:

Pick one or two of these to implement this week (share with group for accountability/follow-up next week):

- 1) In the coming week, take time to listen to people who are not Christians. What are their common fears, worries, passions, and dreams? As you listen, reflect on how God might meet them right where they are. As you begin to get a picture of what is on the hearts and minds of spiritually disconnected people, let it guide your prayers and the conversations you have with them.
- 2) If weather permits, spend at least fifteen minutes sitting in front of your house, apartment, or condo this week (if you live in a place where you have neighbors). As you sit, ask God to help you begin conversations and connect you to new people. Make space, be available, and see what happens!

Bonus Study:

Study the gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John and take note of how Jesus responded to interruptions in the flow of his life.