

## Someone Else's Life Change | LEADER GUIDE

This week's lesson digs into the idea that we gather together not so that we can "consume" more information about God but so that others' lives can be changed.

The **Small Group Interactive** this week challenges us to think about others we know who are not yet in a community like this Small Group and how to invite them.

Supplies Needed: Small Group Invite Cards

What you'll do: Have each person fill out a Small Group Invite Card with your group's information to give to someone they know to invite them to come check out Small Group.

### **Weekly Check-In:**

Have people share about their Daily Encounter times. Follow up on how people responded last week or decide to do a [YouVersion plan](#) together as a group this week.

### **Scripture and Discussion Questions:**

The flow of this week lesson is:

- We often initially join a group experience for how it will benefit us.
- Biblical Community is actually about how we can help encourage and support others.
- We switch our mindset from being self focused to others focused when we serve others or invite others to experience the community we have found.
- Who are people we know who need this community?

Small Groups at 2|42 exist to help people take their next steps with God in Biblical community. But a community that is only internally focused becomes stale. What helps Small Groups stay vibrant and growing is when they are also focused on those outside of the Small Group:

- Finding ways to serve the community
- Inviting new people to join the Small Group
- Reproducing new leaders and Small Groups

As you talk about growing your group by inviting new people, this is also a great time to talk about apprenticing new Small Group leaders to prepare for the future growth and multiplication of your Small Group.

A great tool to use when inviting someone to apprentice is having an ICNU conversation. It's as simple as saying, "I see in you the ability to be a great Small Group leader. I'd love to meet and talk with you outside of our Small Group time about what that could look like."

For more tips on apprenticeship, take a look at [Appendix 7 in the Small Group Leader Manual](#).

### **Next Steps:**

This week encourage your Small Group to be intentional in praying for the names they listed in question 7 from the discussion time. Follow up next week during the BLESS Update question to hear back how people did with this challenge of prayer and invitation.



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Ice Breaker Question:

**What was the most recent thing you purchased? Where and why did you buy it?**

Weekly Check In

**What has God been showing you in your Daily Encounter time this week?**

**This Week's Big Idea:** You may be one gathering away from changing someone else's life.

***What do you remember most, or what stuck with you from the weekend's teaching?***

Scripture and Discussion Questions:

### **Hebrews 10|23-25**

1. What made you decide to check out this Small Group? What makes you keep coming back?
2. What is the author of Hebrews trying to communicate in this passage?

### **Mark 2|1-12**

3. When was the last time you were with a large group of people?
4. Think about these three "characters" in the story: the paralyzed man, the friends, and the others in the crowd. Who are these types of people in the church today?
5. Picture yourself in this story, who do you most relate to? Why?
6. Who was someone influential in your life who helped you grow in your relationship with God?
7. Who is someone in your life that needs a community like our Small Group?

## Small Group Interactive: 10-20 minutes

A key value of 2|42 Small Groups is to be **invitational**. We know that we would have never had a relationship without Jesus unless someone else first told us about Him.

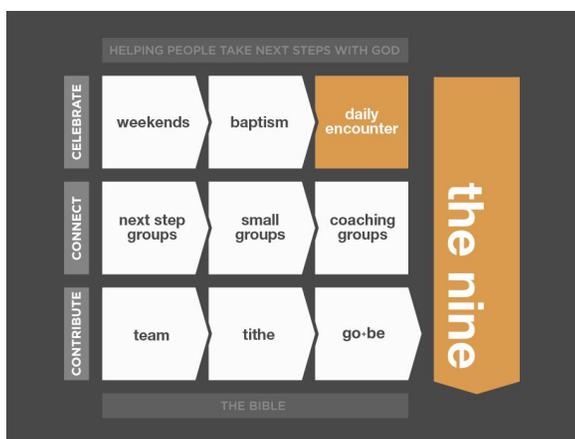
**Make a List:** Make a list of each name listed in question 7 above.

**Brainstorm:** What are ways we could invite these people to come check out our group?

**Make a Plan:** Grab a Small Group Invite Card and fill out the information for your group.

**Do It!** Invite someone you know to your Small Group meeting or next outreach event.

## Next Steps:



### Daily Encounter: Prayer

Commit to praying this week for each name on this list.

Pray that:

- God would pour out His love on them this week.
- God would move our hearts to love them more.
- God would stir in their hearts a desire to know Him.
- God would show us how to begin a conversation about inviting them to our Small Group.