

LEADER GUIDE | WEEK THREE

For | [We are FOR Michigan](#) | week of **October 1**

INTRODUCTION TO THE LESSON

This week's lesson spends the majority of the time working together to plan an Outreach Event to demonstrate how your group is FOR your community. On the following pages you will find two different planning worksheet tools that can assist you in your group discussion and outreach planning. If your group already has their next Outreach Event planned and doesn't need an extended planning time, see the go deeper section below for some extra discussion questions.

new leader tip

What is an *Outreach Event*? A full description of an Outreach Event can be found in the [Small Group Leader Manual](#) as well as additional guidance on how to plan for either a Social or Serve Outreach Event. An abbreviated description of an Outreach Event is included in the Group Activity Section of the lesson this week.

ICE BREAKER AND THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

Have your group share their favorite Michigan location and what stuck out to them from this weekend's teaching.

GROUP ACTIVITY

The group activity is split into two parts. 1: Assessing needs in the community and 2: Planning an Outreach Event. We encourage you to read aloud the instructions in the lesson to your group and use the questions and worksheets to lead your discussion.

new leader tip

If your group is having trouble thinking of ideas, use the prompt: "What could we do to show we are FOR our community if we had \$100 to do something?" Have fun with this activity and see what ideas your group comes up with!

ALTERNATIVE DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

If your group has already planned your next Outreach Event, you can use the Group Activity to plan your next event or use the following section to guide your discussion time:

Read 2 Timothy 2|1-2

1. What was Paul wanting Timothy to do in this passage?
2. Who was the first person to recognize potential in you? What was it they saw in you that was the most motivating and encouraging?
3. What is the difference between training someone to replace you versus reproduce you?
4. If we are to be a church that plants churches, launches leaders, and mobilizes disciple-makers, what does that mean for our group? How can we carry that vision?
5. What next steps would our group need to take to plant a new small group in January 2024?
6. What next step do we each feel God calling us to take?

new leader tip

Wondering how to help someone become a new small group leader? Here's a quick [cheat-sheet](#) on apprenticing.

PRAYER

End the group time praying for one another and for your community.

EXTRA INFO TO SHARE WITH YOUR GROUP

STEP ONE | Invite those newer to your group or newer to 2|42 to attend the next Step One class at your campus. They can learn more and RSVP at 242community.com/stepone

UPCOMING KIDS + STUDENTS EVENTS

TOURNAMENT OF CHAMPIONS | For 7th-12th grade students on October 8 during Sunday Night Students

I'M A PARENT, NOW WHAT? | A class (formerly child dedication class) for parents with new babies.

KIDS BAPTISM CLASS | This class is for kids and their parent/guardians to attend together to learn more about why people are baptized, how we baptize at 2|42, and if this is the right next step for your child.

NEXT STEP GROUPS | Topical groups that focus on faith, family, + finances. Find more info about Next Step Groups at your campus this term in the 2|42 App.

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ICE BREAKER QUESTION

What is your favorite place in Michigan?

THIS WEEK'S BIG IDEA

We are FOR Michigan.

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

GROUP ACTIVITY

Part One | We want to talk about how our small group can be FOR our community. How would our community know that we are FOR them? That often begins by reaching out into the community and meeting the needs we see and showing God's love in practical ways.

1. Use the RPMS Needs Map on the following page to fill in what needs we see in our community.

Part Two | A rhythm of 2|42 Small Groups is to engage in regular outreach in the community.

An Outreach Event is an event that builds relationships with non-Christians and creates goodwill in the community by reaching out into the community to show God's love in practical ways. When we organize and participate in Outreach Events together as a group, it helps us all develop the individual practice of being on mission in the places we live, work, and play. Outreach Events can be defined by either a Serve Event or a Social Event.

Serve Events: Serving an individual or organization that takes care of those in need by meeting practical needs and building relationships.

Social Events: Fun events or parties to invite others outside of your group to expose them to Christian community in an informal way.

What is not an Outreach Event? It's an event that doesn't have outreach. No one was invited, relationships were not created, and there was no opportunity to demonstrate the Kingdom of Heaven to our community.

2. Now that we've identified different needs in the community, what are some ways we could meet those needs by organizing an Outreach Event?
3. Pick one idea and decide how you will complete this event in the next month. When will it be? What will we do? Who will do what tasks? (You can use the Outreach Planning Worksheet if it's helpful.)

PRAYER + GROUP ACTIVITY

Spend time praying for one another and for the ways you can be FOR your community.

PLANNING AN OUTREACH EVENT

	What are NEEDS in our community? (the places we live, work, & play)	What are ways we can HELP MEET those needs?	What types of OUTREACH EVENTS could we plan?
RELATIONAL NEEDS			
PHYSICAL NEEDS			
MENTAL NEEDS			
SPIRITUAL NEEDS			

What **PLANNING** do we need to do from today's discussion and **WHO** will be responsible for each step?

Outreach Event Planning Worksheet

Type of Outreach: SERVE or SOCIAL

Scheduled Proposed Date: _____ Time: _____

What will we be doing? _____

Are we working with an organization? YES or NO

Phone Number for Organization/Contact (if any): _____

Location: _____

What does a Win look like for this event? _____

Who can we invite? _____

Any Supplies Needed? _____

Who is responsible for each part of the event? _____

What needs to be communicated regarding this event? _____
