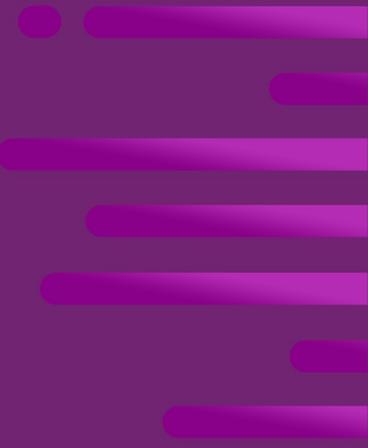




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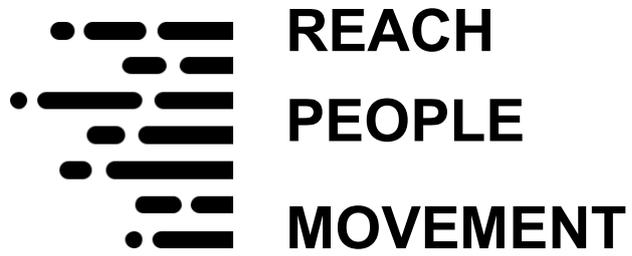
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# REACH PEOPLE MOVEMENT

SESSION ONE

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**REACHING PEOPLE  
WITH EVANGELISM****WELCOME** — — — — —

It's Week 1 of *RPM* — *Reach People Movement* — and today, we're focusing on the ultimate purpose behind all of our outreach efforts: telling people about the Good News of Jesus Christ. As Christians, we are called to share the love of Jesus with others in a way that impacts them for eternity. This act of sharing our faith is called "evangelism."

Don't be intimidated by the word "evangelism." It isn't as complicated as it might seem. Evangelism isn't something that only vocational ministers are qualified to do. Evangelism is for everyone. We don't have to make grand gestures or communicate perfectly or know everything about the Bible to effectively reach people with the Gospel. That isn't what Jesus asks of us. He simply asks us to connect with the people we encounter in our everyday lives and share His love with them. No matter where we are, there is always someone who needs Jesus. We just need to have eyes to see them and the confidence to reach out to them.

**SCRIPTURE** — — — — —

*So [Jesus] came to a town in Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of ground Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired as He was from the journey, sat down by the well. It was about noon. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, "Will you give me a drink?"...*

*The Samaritan woman said to Him, "You are a Jew and I am a Samaritan woman. How can You ask me for a drink?" (For Jews do not associate with Samaritans.)*

*Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who it is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked Him and He would have given you living water.” “Sir,” the woman said, “You have nothing to draw with and the well is deep. Where can You get this living water? Are You greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well and drank from it himself, as did also his sons and his livestock?”*

*Jesus answered, “Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give them will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give them will become in them a spring of water welling up to eternal life.”*

*The woman said to Him, “Sir, give me this water so that I won’t get thirsty and have to keep coming here to draw water.”*

*He told her, “Go, call your husband and come back.”*

*“I have no husband,” she replied.*

*Jesus said to her, “You are right when you say you have no husband. The fact is, you have had five husbands, and the man you now have is not your husband. What you have just said is quite true.”*

*“Sir,” the woman said, “I can see that You are a prophet...”*

*The woman said, “I know that Messiah” (called Christ) “is coming. When He comes, He will explain everything to us.”*

*Then Jesus declared, “I, the one speaking to you—I am He.”...*

*Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people, “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”*

— FROM JOHN 4 NIV





## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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- What was one of your biggest takeaways from Dino’s interview with J. John?
  
- J. John mentioned that Jesus used what He had in common with the Samaritan woman — water — to connect in conversation with her and then connect her to the truth of the Gospel. How can finding something in common with another person be helpful in your efforts to reach them with the Gospel?
  
- Let’s talk about J. John’s process of reaching out to the billionaire. What stuck out to you about his story? How can you develop the patience and perseverance to continue to reach out to those who reject the Gospel when you present it? How can you practically pursue those who are resistant to the Gospel?
  
- J. John said, “Christianity is essentially about three things: forgiveness from the past, new life here today, and a hope for the future.” Which of these three things is easiest for you to communicate to others? Which is the most challenging?

## ACTION STEP

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Go through this week with your eyes open to the people around you. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to people with whom He wants you to share the message of God’s love and forgiveness. Be purposeful in your connection with them, and confidently share the truth of the Gospel with them.

**PRAYER**

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God, thank You for letting us partner with You in expanding Your Kingdom. We pray for fresh opportunities to share Your love with the people around us. Remind us every day of the joy of the Good News, and give us confidence to share it with the people we encounter. Lead us in our conversations with others so we can build strong connections and effectively communicate the Gospel. In Jesus' Name, Amen.



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