

A DISCIPLESHIP INITIATIVE

# THE ONE PROJECT

IDENTIFY · INTERCEDE · INVEST · INVITE

*One name. One prayer. One relationship. One invitation.*

# Welcome to The One Project

*A word from your pastor*

**This year, we are not launching a new program. We are embracing a new posture.**

The One Project is our congregation's discipleship commitment for this season. It is simple by design, because the most powerful things rarely require complexity. It asks every member of this church to do four things: **Identify** one person who needs to experience the love of Christ. **Intercede** for them in prayer. **Invest** in a genuine relationship with them. And **Invite** them to come and see what God is doing here.

This guide will walk you through each of the four steps — what they mean, what they look like in everyday life, and how to take your next action. You don't need a title or a special gifting. You just need a willing heart and one name.

*“Every movement starts with a name. What's yours?”*

## How The One Project Works

The four steps build on one another. Each one prepares the ground for the next. You don't rush ahead — you trust the process and let God work in His timing.

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### **IDENTIFY**

*Luke 19:5—Jesus stopped, looked up, and called Zacchaeus by name.*

Choose one person in your life who is far from God but close to you — a neighbor, coworker, family member, or friend. Write their name down. This is your one.

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### **INTERCEDE**

*Romans 10:1—Paul's heart's desire was that his people would be saved.*

Before you say a word to them, bring their name to God. Pray for their salvation, their situation, and for your own heart to be ready when the moment comes.

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## **INVEST**



*John 1:14—The Word became flesh and moved into the neighborhood.*

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Build a real relationship. Show up. Ask questions. Be present in their life. Not as a strategy — as a genuine expression of love for a person who matters to God.

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## **INVITE**



*John 1:46—Philip's entire evangelism strategy was: 'Come and see.'*

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After you've prayed and invested, extend a simple, sincere invitation to join you for Sabbath worship. You don't need all the answers — you just need an open door.

# Step-By-Step: Going Deeper

*Understanding what each step asks of you*

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## STEP 1: IDENTIFY

*See the one in front of you.*

**Luke 19:5**

*“Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.”*

Jesus was surrounded by a crowd — but He saw one man. He didn't wait for Zacchaeus to come to Him. He stopped, looked up, and called him by name. That is the spirit of this first step.

Your one is probably not a stranger. Think about the people already in your life. Who comes to mind when you ask the question: *Who in my circle doesn't know Jesus?*

### How to identify your one:

- Ask God to bring someone to mind — and then trust the first name He gives you.
- Think about people you see regularly: coworkers, neighbors, family members, classmates.
- Look for people who are open — going through a transition, a loss, or a search.
- Write their name down. This act of commitment matters more than it seems.

### THIS WEEK — IDENTIFY

- Pray and ask God to show you your one.
- Write their name in the space on the back of this guide.
- Commit to that one person for this season.

## STEP 2: INTERCEDE

*Pray before you speak.*

**Romans 10:1**

*“My heart's desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved.”*

Paul was one of the most effective witnesses in church history — and he led with prayer. Intercession is not the warm-up to the real work. Intercession is the real work. When you pray for your one, you are inviting God into their story before you ever show up in it.

**A simple daily prayer for your one:**

*Lord, draw [name] to Yourself. Soften their heart. Order their steps. Give me the right words at the right moment, and let them see Your love through my presence in their life. Amen.*

**THIS WEEK — INTERCEDE**

- Add your one's name to your daily prayer.
- Set a phone reminder to pray for them each morning.
- Journal what you sense God doing as you pray.

# Step-By-Step: Going Deeper (cont.)

*Investment and Invitation – Where relationship meets mission*

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## STEP 3: INVEST

*Move into their world.*

**John 1:14**

*“The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us.”*

The Incarnation is our model. God didn't communicate from a distance — He moved in. He sat at tables, walked the roads, showed up at funerals and weddings. Investment means doing the same.

People know the difference between being loved and being recruited. If you only reach out when you want them to attend an event, they'll feel it. But if you've been genuinely present — in the ordinary, unglamorous moments of life — then your invitation later will carry real weight.

### What investment looks like:

- A regular coffee, lunch, or walk — consistent presence builds trust.
- Showing up when things are hard: a move, a loss, a difficult season.
- Checking in with a text or call — not to invite, just to care.
- Celebrating with them: birthdays, promotions, milestones.
- Being honest and being yourself — authenticity is more compelling than polish.

### THIS WEEK — INVEST

- Schedule one intentional time with your one this week.
- Ask them one meaningful question about their life.
- Resist the urge to 'steer' — just be present.

## STEP 4: INVITE

*Open the door.*

**John 1:46**

*“Come and see, said Philip.”*

Philip's entire evangelism strategy was two words: *Come and see*. He didn't have a prepared argument. He didn't answer every objection first. He just extended a sincere invitation from a place of genuine relationship — and it changed Nathanael's life forever.

The invitation is the fruit of everything that came before it. When you have identified, prayed, and invested — the ask flows naturally. It doesn't feel like pressure. It feels like one friend saying to another: **I found something good. Come and see.**

#### **THIS WEEK — INVITE**

- Choose a specific Sabbath to extend the invitation.
- Keep it simple: 'I would love for you to come with me.'
- If they say not yet — keep showing up. The relationship continues.

*“The invitation is not pressure — it’s love with a door open.”*

## **Frequently Asked Questions**

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### **What if I don't feel ready?**

You don't need to feel ready — you need to be willing. The One Project is designed for ordinary members, not evangelism specialists. God does the work; you just show up.

### **What if my one isn't interested?**

Keep loving them. The One Project is a posture, not a transaction. If they aren't ready for an invitation, stay in the invest phase. Relationships are long games.

### **Can I have more than one?**

Start with one. Focus creates depth. Once your one has connected with the church, you can prayerfully consider who your next one might be.

### **Do I have to report to anyone?**

This is between you, God, and your one. There is no scoreboard here — only a congregation of people each quietly carrying a name and faithfully showing up.

### **What if they ask me questions I can't answer?**

Say so. 'I don't know, but let's find out together' is one of the most disarming things you can say. It's honest, it's humble, and it keeps the door open.

# My One Project Commitment

*Fill this out, keep it somewhere visible, and pray over it often*

<b>My One:</b>	_____
<b>How I know them:</b>	_____
<b>I will pray for them:</b>	Daily <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____
<b>One way I will invest:</b>	_____
<b>Target Sabbath to invite:</b>	_____
<b>My commitment date:</b>	_____

## A Prayer to Begin

*Father, You see the one I have written down. You know their name, their story, the questions they carry, and the longings they may not even know how to name. I am asking You to move in their life. Draw them. Prepare them. And use me — imperfect as I am — to be a bridge. Give me the courage to show up, the patience to stay, and the faith to believe that You are already at work. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

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### Scripture Foundation

<b>Identify</b>	Luke 19:1–10 — Zacchaeus
<b>Intercede</b>	Romans 10:1 — Paul's prayer for Israel
<b>Invest</b>	John 1:14 — The Incarnation
<b>Invite</b>	John 1:43–46 — Philip and Nathanael

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