

Session 2 – Pray for People

Read Mark 4:26-29 (NLT)

Parable of the Growing Seed

²⁶ Jesus also said, “The Kingdom of God is like a farmer who scatters seed on the ground. ²⁷ Night and day, while he’s asleep or awake, the seed sprouts and grows, but he does not understand how it happens. ²⁸ The earth produces the crops on its own. First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. ²⁹ And as soon as the grain is ready, the farmer comes and harvests it with a sickle, for the harvest time has come.”

Ask a group member (or the whole group) to retell the story.
Then, re-read the story aloud. Discuss together:

- *What do you learn about people from this story?*
- *What do you learn about God from this story?*
- *As a group, fill in the table, below – based on the story:*

Things within the farmer’s control.	Things beyond the farmer’s control

- *What do you think is the main point of this story?*

Watch Video #2 – John 6:44; Ask God to Draw

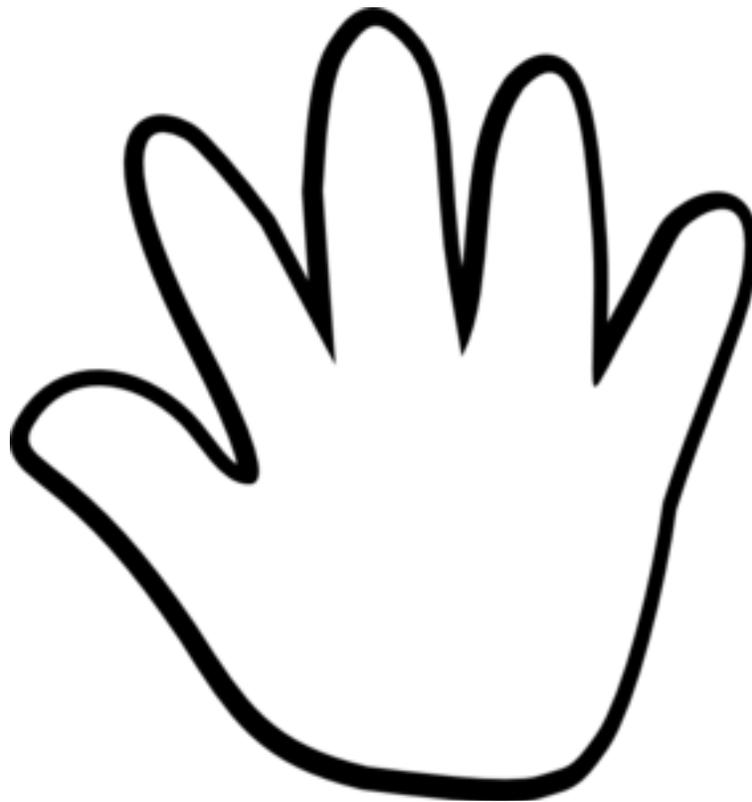
In John 6:44a, Jesus said “*For no one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them to me ...*”

If that is true,

- Evangelism is not _____ people into the kingdom of God.
- Evangelism is _____ people God is drawing to himself.
(In this and the next 2 videos, we will talk about 3 tools to find people God is drawing).

The first is to pray. If we want God to draw, we need to ask him. We need to pray. Here's how:

Draw an outline of your hand:



In each finger, write the name of someone who is close to you, but far from God.

Homework: Your assignment this week (and every week, from now on) is to pray, every day, for these 5 people – individually, by name.

- that God will draw them to Him;
- that God will give you a chance to share with them about Jesus.

The goal is to establish a lifelong habit of praying, every day, for people who are close to you but far from God. This is the first of 3 lifelong habits we are trying to establish to help us find the people God is drawing – people who might be open to becoming disciples of Jesus.