

# DISCUSSIONNOTES

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Loving God.  
Loving People.

James opens by telling us about a list he read, which tells about 18 things to do better in our everyday life. James said that this idea should parallel with our Christian life. We start to realize things we need to work on spiritually, when we start participating in things that grow our faith. How can you start to grow your faith and do better in your spiritual life? **Read Philippians 4:8.** The end of the verse says to “*Thinks about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.*” List 3 things that you want to thank and praise God about.

God's ways are beyond anything we can imagine. He has planned missions and works for us too, long before we even knew Him. **Read Ephesians 2:10.** When we pray for God to put someOne on our life that needs to hear about His love, we start to see God's plan unravel before us. Have you already begun to *Pray for One*? How have you seen God's plan unfold before you?

James shared many examples of followers receiving their One in their day-to-day lives. *Pray for One* is the key to making disciples. It makes our walk with Christ more about Him, and less about us. **Read 1 Corinthians 13:4-8.** In this verse we can see what love truly is. If we are going to spread the love of Christ, we need to have these characteristics. How can you try and show more love? How can you trust and love God more, to make sure that we are reflecting Him in a positive way? List 5 examples.

In Luke 15, we see 3 parables about important things being lost, but eventually found, and the celebration that occurs. **Read Luke 15:10.** When one sinner repents, there is a celebration. After reading this, why should we as a church take *Pray for One* very seriously? God will do whatever takes to save One person. Are you willing to be the vessel to make this happen?

**Read Genesis 12:2.** God blessed Abraham and promised him a long lineage. We are so loved by God and blessed to know Him. As mentioned above, God had a plan for us before we even knew Him. Your “One” is so loved and blessed by God, and they may not even know Him yet. Are you going to take the time to make sure your One receives their love and blessings? How are you going to do this? Wrap up by praying for courage to share God's love and that He shows you someOne who needs His love.