

## WHY JANUARY NSO?

Great question! Depending on how our fall went, we can feel energized or hesitant about trying to meet new students and faculty in the new semester. However you're feeling, we believe J-NSO is *another opportunity to experience Jesus through spiritual preparation* as we start a new year.

J-NSO could be just a couple weeks to see if you meet a few students *or a key moment to grow ministry momentum*. Consider how you could see...:

- Your group preparing well to be a place of hospitality for new students and faculty, passing on the welcome they received in the fall
- New students transformed by training them as apprentices and seeing leaders preparing for next fall
- Incredible and realistic fruit as students who have met seekers last semester start exploring and sharing the gospel with them
- The Holy Spirit leading your group to new corners or new campuses where God is already at work

How can you take two weeks in January to take a step? Which of the above excites you and could be your focus next semester? Just like for NSO, we encourage you to follow a holistic approach to J-NSO using the *Prepare-Engage-Grow* framework.

*Area Ministry Directors and supervisors:* we recommend being proactive in helping your staff select a direction. Don't wait! November and December are great times for these conversations!

## PREPARE TOGETHER

**Begin by asking God to help you to see your reality more clearly.** Read [II Kings 6:8-23](#) meditatively. Then, ask God to open your eyes to his kingdom's reality and purposes, just as he worked through Elisha and his servant to bring about peace between the king of Aram and Israel. Another helpful spiritual preparation resource is [Anchored in the Holy Spirit](#).

Debrief the fall, including NSO. Check out our [Leading Life- Changing Debriefs](#) resource in the [Ministry Library](#). What rhythms will be helpful to engage in sustainable hospitality but no overdo it? Consider what training you'll need for J-NSO, like a brush up on [Follow-Up](#). Perhaps you'll want to train or retrain [Compelling Invitations](#), [Network Mapping](#) or [how to run a proxie station](#).

## ENGAGE THE CAMPUS

Now, make your plan for how you'll engage the campus and welcome new students and faculty. Here's a basic example plan to help get you started:

Goal	Resources	Additional thoughts and details...
Meet new people and help small groups and/or the chapter grow momentum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Compelling Invitations</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">How to Create a Welcoming Small Group Environment</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">10 Ways to Reveal God's Love on Campus</a></li> </ul>	<p><i>If less than ~5 students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consider being more engaged with J-NSO in helping to train students and in meeting new students on campus</li> </ul> <p><i>If more than ~5 students:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Plan to train, engage spiritually and take risks meeting new students. Help your chapter/s explore new networks that may yield fruit.</li> </ul>
Reach seekers and take risks with our faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">How to run a proxie station</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Small Group Invitation to Faith</a></li> </ul>	<p>Proxie stations can be a great way to help chapter members who are learning to lead to try a kingdom risk. Consider coming back to a proxie station you used in the fall as current leaders will have experience with it.</p>
Engage with unreached corners or campuses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="#">Finding People of Peace</a></li> <li>• <a href="#">Start Something New Toolkit</a></li> </ul>	<p>Some new or established small groups may have persons of peace that can unlock new corners on campus or a new campus. Review network mapping resources and how you can equip your team and/or students to explore the potential of starting something in a new network.</p>

## GROW THE MOVEMENT

Finally, find a time to look at what God is doing as you meet and engage with new people. What networks are bearing fruit? What places are struggling? What changes might be needed to help steward or revive momentum?

Encourage your small groups to extend their focus on welcoming new people for a few weeks (versus launching an in-depth bible study right away). Or, if you have a new group or leader getting started and could use some [ready-made Bible studies](#) or a guide to [develop members through an apprenticeship](#).

The point here is that we make plans and submit them to the work of the Holy Spirit. As your new semester unfolds, it's quite natural to need to adjust, especially as you see where the Spirit is at work. Remember [Acts 16:9-15](#) and how Paul and his team expected to meet a man from Macedonia, but met a woman (Lydia) instead! They shifted their approach and, at her request, started meeting in her home as the church in Philippi was planted and momentum continued.