

EXPLORE YOUR NETWORK



HEAR

Read John 1:35-51

Upon meeting Jesus, Andrew and Philip have an immediate impulse to go out and invite other people to meet him too. Why do you think people are so eager to introduce their friends to Jesus?



RESPOND

Go and do

From the very start, Jesus' movement spread through networks of relationships. People who encountered Jesus couldn't wait to invite their friends to meet him. As a follower of Jesus, how do you think Jesus wants to move through your network?

A network map is a helpful way to visualize your network of relationships and to explore what God is doing in your context. Here are a few simple steps to create a network map. You can do this individually, but it can also be really powerful to create a communal network map as a group.

- On a sheet of paper write your name in the middle and draw a circle around it. (If you're doing this as a group, use a large poster board or piece of butcher paper and write the name of your campus in the middle)
- From there, draw lines to other circles, representing different "corners of campus" - spaces where you spend time and have relationships. Your name might be surrounded by circles that say places like, "biology department", "library", "soccer team", "sorority", "coffee shop" or "dorm". The point is to draw an image for each of your relationships. Each circle represents a different network of relationships.
- Next, around those circles, write the names of people you know in each of those places.
 - Put an asterisk (*) on any name you've had spiritual conversations with.
 - Highlight names of anyone who is a Christian.
 - Underline key people in each network who can open doors or build trust with the community.
- Finally, take a step back and look over your network map in a posture of prayer.
 - What is God showing you about the networks of people that he's surrounded you with?
 - Ask God to highlight specific people or corners of campus. How is God already at work in those people and places?
 - If you created a communal network map, what is God showing you about the different corners of campus that you're connected to together?





Reflect on what you learned

- As you look at your network map, what stands out to you about who you see?
- What do you know (or not know) about the spiritual journeys of these people?
- Are there particular people you want to get to know better?
- Are you connected to mostly other Christians? Mostly non-Christians?
- Your network map isn't just a list of names. Each line represents a relationship between you and another person. How strong are those lines?
- What do you notice about yourself and the way God has connected you?
- Pray over your network map and ask God to move in the lives of the people you know on campus!

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



THE **MINISTRY PLAYBOOK**

If you want to learn more about using network maps to identify networks of people, cultivate them, and join what God is already doing then check out this course in the Ministry Playbook.

