

EVERYONE

“All for one and one for all!” With this motto the musketeers of the French court boldly lived out their mission to both king and country. We as followers of Jesus Christ might do well by adopting the same brave motto within our community of faith, love and hope.

What would the world look like if . . .

- Everyone *connected*?
- Everyone *gave*?
- Everyone *served*?
- Everyone *cared*?

With all for one and one for all; let's charge into the adventure of **EVERYONE!**

Excel Still More,

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Week 1 . . . If everyone Connected

Opening: What has been the most exciting group or team experience of your life?

Read: Acts 2:42-47

1. What is your typical daily routine?
2. Does your spiritual life and community have a daily expression?
3. What would the people close to you say are your life passions and goals?
4. Who are your closest friends and in what environments do you spend time together?
5. What stands out to you about this new community called the church?
6. How do you see God among them?
7. What do you think about the quality and quantity of their relationships?
8. How would you feel as a part of this amazingly connected community?
9. What could you do to help create this type of miraculous community here in our group? Within Mosaic at large?

Week 2 . . . If everyone Gave

Opening: When are you most generous? When are you least likely to be generous?

Read: Exodus 25:1-9

Discussion Questions

1. What is God requesting of His people?
2. Why is God requesting this offering?
3. Are people to be coerced into giving? Why or why not?
4. What need does God have for these riches?
5. Are these gifts offered impulsively or would people need to go to some lengths to prepare them?

Read: Exodus 35:4&5, 20-29 & 36:2-7

6. What stands out to you in this story?
7. Would you have enjoyed taking part in this? Why or why not?
8. Other than objects and riches, what did people contribute to this offering?
9. When you gather with the community of faith what do you bring as a worship offering to God?
10. If everyone at Mosaic gave as you do, what would we experience together?

Week 3 . . . If everyone Served

Opening: When has someone blown you away by how they selflessly served you or someone else?

Leader note: Select one or two of the following passages to focus your small group discussion around.

Read: Galatians 5:13-15
1 Peter 4:10-11
1 Peter 5:2-4
Ephesians 6:7-8
Joshua 24:14-15

Discussion Questions

1. What is the passage saying?
2. What does **serve** mean?
3. Who are you/we to serve?
4. If you applied this verse wholeheartedly, what would it mean for:
 - a) Your friendships?
 - b) Your family relationships?
 - c) Your neighborhood relationships?
5. If everyone in your company applied this verse wholeheartedly, how would your company be different from what it is now? Would there be a change in the attitude of the customers, suppliers and/or competitors?
6. If everyone at Mosaic applied this verse wholeheartedly, how would Mosaic be different from what it is now? How could Mosaic look compared to other churches? Would there be a change in the attitudes of others toward Mosaic?
7. How might you apply this kind of service into specific relationships this week and throughout this month?

Week 4 . . . If everyone Cared

Option 1

Opening: What has been an act of concern and care you have recently expressed?

Read: Colossians 3:12-17

1. What is the wardrobe list of the followers of Jesus? (vs 12)
2. Which of these fit you a bit awkwardly?
3. Which is more like a custom fit?
4. Why is forgiveness such a huge part of living within a caring community?
5. How does love bind people together?
6. What words and deeds do verses 15-17 call us to?
7. How does consistency or inconsistency between our words and actions affect our credibility?
8. There is so much here that we are challenged to put on in a caring community, how can this group help you with your clothing selection?

Option 2

Opening: Leader note (hand out a small pack of lifesavers to each person attending the group). This is a powerful story written by William Booth, the originator of the Salvation Army. It is titled “Who Cares?”

Read:

“Who Cares?”

By General William Booth
Founder of The Salvation Army

On one of my recent journeys, I had a vision.

I saw a dark and stormy ocean. Over it the black clouds hung heavily; through them every now and then vivid lightning flashed and loud thunder rolled and waves rose and foamed, towered and broke.

In that ocean I saw myriads of struggling human beings plunging and floating, shouting and shrieking, struggling and drowning; and as they cursed and screamed, they rose briefly, and then some sank to rise no more.

And I saw out of this dark, angry ocean, a mighty rock that rose up with its summit towering high above the black clouds that overhung the stormy sea. And all around the base of this rock I saw a vast platform. Onto this platform, I saw with delight a number of the poor struggling, drowning wretches continually climbing out of the angry ocean.

On looking more closely, I found a few of those who had been rescued, industriously working and scheming by ladders, ropes, boats and other means more effective, to deliver the poor strugglers out of this sea. Here and there were some who actually jumped into the water, regardless of all the consequences, in their passion to “rescue the perishing.” And I hardly know which gladdened me most—the sight of the poor drowning people climbing onto the rock reaching the place of safety, or the devotion and self-sacrifice of those whose whole beings were wrapped up in the effort for their deliverance.

As I looked on at the occupants of that platform what puzzled me most was the fact that though all of them had been rescued at one time or another from the ocean, nearly everyone seemed to have forgotten all about it. And what seemed equally strange and perplexing to me was that these people did not seem to have any care—about the poor perishing ones who were struggling and drowning right before their very eyes.

But the thing to me that seemed most astonishing was that those on the platform to whom the Great Savior called, who heard His voice and felt they ought to obey it—at least they said they did—those who confessed to love Him and worship Him or who professed to do so—were so taken up with their professions, their money saving and pleasures, their families and circles, their religions and arguments about it, and their preparation for going to the mainland, that they did not listen to the cry that came to them from the Great Savior who had Himself gone down into the sea. Anyway, if they heard it they did not heed it. They did not care.

These people would meet and get up as high on the rocks as they could, and looking toward the mainland (where they thought the Great Savior was) they would cry out, “Come to us! Come, help us!” And all the while He was down among the poor struggling, drowning creatures in the angry deep, with His arms around them trying to drag them out, and looking up to those on the rock, crying to them with His voice all hoarse from calling, “Come to **Me!** Come, and help **Me!**”

My friends in Christ, you are rescued from the waters, you are on the rock. Jesus is in the dark sea calling on you to come to Him and help Him. Do you care? Will you go?

With the light that is now broken in upon your mind, and the call that is now sounding in your ears, and the beckoning hands that are now before your eyes, you have no alternative. **Now, what will you do?**

Wrap-up: As we wrap up our Everyone series, I want to challenge each of us to continue practicing random acts of kindness, service and spiritual conversations with those people around us everyday. You are a lifesaver.