



Your group matters.

DISCUSSION GUIDE

- Icebreaker -

*What is one specialty food dish that
you can make?*

1. Share your personal story of how God rescued you when you were lost.
2. Pastor Tom shares a quote from Piper: "Not to strategize is a heartless strategy." Where have you seen the positive impact of strategy and planning when sharing about Jesus?
3. Read [John 3:18, 36](#). Tell of a time God called you to reach out to someone, and what was the result?
4. Read [Mark 1:35-38](#) and [1 Corinthians 9:19](#). Pastor Tom mentioned that Jesus was always looking for the next place to reach lost people. In what way does Jesus' example influence you to do the same?
5. How is God inviting you to be a part of His plans to change lives, transform hearts, and transfer people from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light in Buffalo through this new Riverside campus?

Day One: [Psalm 49](#)

Day Two: [Proverbs 18](#)

Day Three: [Ruth 4](#)

Day Four: [Isaiah 49](#)

Day Five: [Acts 21](#)

*This Personal Guide has been adapted from
Professor Grant Horner's Bible Reading System.*

PERSONAL GUIDE



RIVERSIDE CHURCH



MULTIPLY

"MULTIPLYING MATTERS"
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"Multiplying Matters"

Pastor Tom Lundeen

MESSAGE NOTES

Having one church with _____ campuses while being one family is called multisite.

Riverside Church exists to _____ people and help them to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Why does multiplying by multisite matter so much?

1. Because _____ People Matter to God

Not to strategize is a _____ strategy. (Piper)

If we are at all serious about Jesus' _____ command and _____ concern (note [Acts 1:8](#) and [John 20:21](#)) and believe that this is our mission to complete both as a church and as individuals, then reaching as many people as possible has to be our #1 focus and priority.

In a 10-mile radius of Buffalo are over _____ people (more than _____ if you include parts of Monticello, St. Michael, and Albertville).

About _____ people in this area are in practice _____.

Their eternal _____ lies in the balance (note [John 3:18, 36](#); [1 Peter 1:23](#)).

And I want you to feel the wonderful weight of this calling, and by God's grace, _____ it.

2. This Strategy Reflects the _____ Heart of Jesus

Note [John 3:16](#); [Mark 2:17](#); [Luke 19:10](#); [John 6:28-29](#); [12:27](#); [14:6](#); [Acts 4:12](#); [Romans 5:6, 8](#); [1 Timothy 1:15-16](#)

Jesus was always looking for the next place to reach _____ people (note [Mark 1:35-38](#)).

Note [1 Corinthians 9:19](#)

Every number has a name, every name has a _____, and every story matters to God and needs to matter to us.

Note [1 Corinthians 9:20-22, 23](#)

There's just one compelling reason to start a 3rd campus in Buffalo: That the greatest _____ God ever performs...

...changing lives, transforming hearts, _____ people from the kingdom of darkness to the Kingdom of Light, taking people dead in their sins and making them alive in Jesus, making lost people become found people, taking spiritual orphans and adopting them as sons and daughters in His own _____ family...

What does it mean for Riverside to MULTIPLY?:

- God is calling us to _____ as many people as possible.
- Our part to play?
- _____.
- Commit to being a part of the _____ of the new Buffalo campus.
- Take a next step (or a first step) in generosity/_____.
- As we partner with God, we will have the privilege to witness God's greatest miracle again and again in people's lives.

Tell someone about the next step you took today in your spiritual journey! Let us know, too, and fill out our connect/next step card (digital* or hard copies).

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Pastor Tom Lundeen

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Why does multiplying by multisite matter so much?

1. Because Lost People Matter to God

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If we are at all serious about Jesus' last command and first concern (note [Acts 1:8](#) and [John 20:21](#)) and believe that this is our mission to complete both as a church and as individuals, then reaching as many people as possible has to be our #1 focus and priority.

In a 10-mile radius of Buffalo are over 46,000 people (more than 60,000 if you include parts of Monticello, St. Michael, and Albertville). About 40,000 people in this area are in practice unchurched.

Their eternal destiny lies in the balance (note [John 3:18, 36](#); [1 Peter 1:23](#)).

And I want you to feel the wonderful weight of this calling, and by God's grace, embrace it.

2. This Strategy Reflects the Passionate Heart of Jesus

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- God is calling us to win as many people as possible.
- Our part to play?
- Pray.
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