

“The One” of The Journey

Although The Journey is located in a diverse area, we are targeting a five-mile radius to reach the lost ONE. Overall, the ONE we are targeting to bring to Jesus is a male in his mid-thirties with children in the household. He is educated, hard-working, and has a higher income than the majority of the country. He is married, although his multi-ethnic marriage may not be his or his wife's first (and the children in his household may not all be biologically related to both him and his wife).

He is career/work focused, spending many of his waking hours working and commuting to/from work. As a result, much of his remaining time is spent on doing activities with/for his children. These activities include sports, the arts, Sunday school/youth group, and other activities that will ultimately contribute to a college application in the coming years, and also make the kids well-rounded and overall seem like “good” kids. He does not get to spend much time dating his wife, and their relationship is strained. One or both of their parents do not live in the area, so they do not have much family nearby to help with the children.

After work and children's activities, he does not have much time to himself. He may not necessarily admit it, but the climb that drives him to achieve success in his work and the things and experiences he can buy for his family, has caused stress. When he needs a break from work and planned activities (or hosting friends/family/in-laws), he likes to take a load off with the guys. That means he goes to the bar, and sometimes has the guys over to his house (basement/man-cave or on the back deck near the grill).

The ONE has filled his life with things and activities, and despite his success (as defined by our culture), he does not feel fulfilled. There is a hole in his life that can only be filled by the Lord. Unfortunately, his experiences in his childhood, plus the influence that society has played on him, have pushed him to a place where he does not even think about God, let alone know how much he really needs God. When facing difficult times, he can tough it out himself, maybe getting some help from family and advice from friends--if he is lucky enough to even have one male confidant. With the impacts COVID has made on our world, he is facing additional stress.