Announcements:
• Jersey Sunday is coming up! Consider making plans with your Life Group for a Super Bowl party!!
• Be sure to complete your Life Group covenants this week!

Getting Started/Getting to Know One Another
1. Play two truths and a lie. Write down three interesting facts about yourself where two are true and one is fictional. Have the people in your group guess which fact is the farce...

   Consider yourself warned that if you wait for absolutely everyone in your group to be ready to share all three items that it might take FOREVER. One way to cut down on time as well as to help those who are struggling with coming up with items to be inspired, would be to have people go as they complete their three. You might have some people writing while others are sharing, but it will really help things to move along a little bit more efficiently. As a leader, be prepared to go first if needed.

2. Have you ever been on a missions trip? If so, what was it like? If not, what about a day outreach or something along those lines? How did you feel being involved with something missionally minded?

   If people don’t have obvious answers, you might need to broaden to idea to include things like helping out with the missions carnival, food bank, serving at fundraiser, etc. It doesn’t necessarily HAVE to be a full on trip or day devoted to missions to still count towards this category. This could also be a great time to encourage your people to consider going on the NYC trip this summer.

Into The Bible
1. In some of his opening remarks, Greg Mundis talked about how God’s call on our lives is “dramatic, directive, and deliberate.” Read 1 Peter 2:9. Why do you think that it’s important to truly realize that we’ve been especially chosen and directed to be a representation of God’s love to others?

   This verse really reminds us that A) God has absolutely set us apart for His purpose but also B) reminds us that some of this process comes from us remembering how God brought us at one point out of our own darkness. When we take some time to reflect on where we were as well as how truly remarkable it was when God called us into light, it only deepens the passion for others to experience the same thing. This verse helps us to both see who we are in Christ, but also to recognize how amazing it is that God has transformed us!

   CAUTION: This has potential to be a cliché verse simply because it is so well known. But there is a clear reason why! As people write out this verse in their own words, encourage them to let it really sink into their hearts how important it is to keep this verse, which implores us to reach out to others, at the focal point of how we live our lives!

2. Greg Mundis also talked about the apostle Paul and how he crossed over borders to spread the good news of Jesus Christ. He mentioned that “Christ’s last command” should be our “first priority.” Read Matthew 28:16-20 (also known as the great commission) and then write in your own words what Christ’s last command was?

   Without God, it truly is impossible to be effective in the ever increasing darkness, but WITH God, there is no competition to LIGHT. These verses help remind us how truly essential it is to fully rely on the Lord for direction, empowerment, wisdom, boldness, love, etc. For to be without Him is certain defeat, but to be with Him is certain victory! If we’re really honest with ourselves, do we really
believe that? How different we would live if we completely and wholly latched onto this!

So What?
1. Just as Greg Mundis mentioned in his closing remarks. What borders do you need to cross today to start reaching others for Jesus? Is it a border of feeling insecure to talk to a neighbor, friend, colleague, or a family member about Christ? Is it a border of fear to release your finances to make a faith promise or give in an offering? Is it that you don’t want to give up the comfort of your home, job, or position? What borders do you need to cross?

Be prepared to help your group members to understand what “borders” mean. Although it could be a physical border between one place and another, more times than not a border is going to be a visual analogy for a border of the heart. Refer back to the examples in the question if needed.

Encourage people to be really honest and open here. However, accountability doesn’t work well unless there is first support. In other words, before imploring people to do something out of their comfort zone, re-enforce the fact that you’re all in this together.

Prayer Requests: