

HOW TO RUN A NIGHT

Prayer Meeting Leader Guide

A flexible scaffold for praying for the unreached

God put a strong desire on one person's heart to pray weekly for unreached nations. A simple weekly guide stuck — this is that process. Guides stay current when possible. Not a rigid curriculum: use the pieces, ask the questions (or add your own), and let the Holy Spirit lead.

HOW TO USE THE GUIDE

- Treat this as a flexible scaffold, not a script. Use the verse, story, facts, thought questions, and prayer points — then follow the Spirit.
- Ask the questions in the guide, or add your own. You do not have to use every one.
- Goal: encourage love and good works, grow in Jesus, and keep the unreached on your lips.
- Never run a night just to “get it done.” Better a shorter night full of real prayer than a full outline nobody's heart was in.

PREPARATION — RUNNING THE NIGHT

- Pray before people arrive. Skim the week's guide; add anything the Spirit puts on your heart.
- Start with highs and lows of the week — and any cool God moments. Keep it short so there is room for the unreached.
- Ask the thought questions in the guide, or add your own. You do not have to use every one.
- Let conversation flow — current events, the lost world, their lost friends, what the story and facts stirred up. Don't force a script.
- Pray over the unreached (the focus of the night) and for daily needs. Personal needs matter; keep the center of gravity on people with little or no access to the gospel.
- Stay focused each week on the unreached specifically. Side topics are fine when they serve prayer — not when they replace it.
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THOUGHT QUESTIONS FOR LEADERS

1. Am I preparing this night to look competent, or to help people actually pray?
2. Which unreached people or country is God putting on my heart right now — not just on the PDF?
3. If no one else showed up, would I still pray through this guide alone?
4. What would “never do anything just to get it done” look like tonight?

TERMS EVERY LEADER SHOULD KNOW**Unreached**

Little or no gospel access — few believers, no churches of their own, almost no one telling them about Jesus in a language and culture they understand.

10/40 window

Roughly 10°–40° north across North Africa, the Middle East, and Asia — where most unreached peoples live.

Why we care

Romans 10:14: how will they believe if they never hear? Prayer is not the whole answer — but it is where most of us can start.

QUESTIONS?

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