



Part 1: Reaching People Who Need Jesus

God wants us to be Christians who *share* the message of Jesus with friends, relatives, acquaintances, and neighbors (FRAN).

Use the Friends Who Need Jesus form. (Printable forms are listed on the webpage)

Identify people from among your circle of friends, relatives, acquaintances and neighbors, who need to be reached with the good news of our Savior Jesus.

Pray for these people.

Family/Relative

Close friend

Other

Widow/Widower

Neighbor

Friend at school

Single/Recently divorced

Friend in a community activity

Coworker

Newcomer to area

Family with a new baby

Family who recently experienced a crisis

Invite them to come to worship with you.

Ask God to give you opportunities to talk to them about Jesus.

Friends Who Need Jesus

My Name

1. Begin by identifying among your FRAN people who need Jesus because they do not know him or because they have strayed from him. Write their names down and place that piece of paper in a place where you will see it every day, perhaps on the door of your refrigerator using a refrigerator magnet.
2. Pray. As Christians we have a great concern for people, especially those we know and love, if they are not believers in Jesus or have drifted away from the relationship with Christ that they once had. Pray for them **regularly** and **specifically**. Pray for these people by name and pray for them repeatedly. Try to learn more about each person so that you can pray more specifically about them and their unique circumstances. Pray for the blessing and working of the Holy Spirit in their hearts and lives. Pray *dangerously*. Pray, “Lord, use me to tell my friend more about Jesus!” Praying dangerously means that you ask God to provide a situation in which you have no choice but to witness to the person for whom you are praying. Perhaps the person will ask you something about your faith and church. Possibly the person will initiate a spiritual conversation about some aspect of Christian faith and life. When you pray, trust that the Lord will help you and provide opportunities for you to share your faith.

3. Talk about the Savior. Sharing our faith is not talking about our church body or congregation. Faith-sharing is talking about Jesus. We know who he is and what he has done for us. We know that we have sinned and “fallen short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:23). And we know that we are forgiven and absolutely are going to live with God in heaven forever—all because of Jesus Christ. We want to share with people our certain hope in Jesus.
4. Invite your family members and friends to join you at church, in a Bible study, or at some church activity. If they decline, look for another opportunity to invite them. When unchurched people have been asked why they are not attending some church, a common answer given is, “No one asked me.” The solution is simple, invite people to come with you.