

Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 (Mark 6:30-44) is a great reminder of how ministry really works. We actually never have enough resources to meet the needs of the people we serve--even before the massive strain from COVID-19. This reality is just made more clear in this pandemic. In Isaiah 46:3-4 God clarifies that we do not carry him, he carries us: "I have upheld since your birth, and have carried since you were born. Even to your old age and gray hairs I am he, I am he who will sustain you." This is the God who is active on our campuses and who is bringing new students for us to join Him in serving this January! Let's bring to Jesus what we have, that he would multiply it and that he would carry us.

This 1-page guide gives you the basics of how to approach January NSO (J-NSO) and some ways to make your plan. Great job taking some time now to read this and to get familiar with it. Remember that your first step should be to gather your students to pray, study scripture and cast vision. If you don't know where to start, use one of the passages above.

J-NSO needs a coordinated approach that brings three pieces together:

1. A gathering event and invitations
2. Follow-up
3. A way to engage more deeply in relationships and spiritually, like a small group

These three steps work together like a funnel: A lot of invitations go out to a fun event and hopefully new people come and check it out. As you follow-up with those that came and get to know them, pray for them and yourself to experience the deep love of God in your interaction. You will also start to figure out where there is genuine interest--this is the middle of the funnel. Then, as the interest of new-comers eventually settles into a series of relationships (usually as part of a small group), you've reached the bottom and helped people into your group.

If you are interested in a more robust week-by-week plan, our Evangelism Team is working with area teams to help with J-NSO. Check out their week-by-week plan [here](#).

J-NSO STEP	Resource links from the Online Ministry Library	Specific steps
GATHERING EVENT AND INVITES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → How to have fun online → How to Leverage an Instagram Profile → Instagram Templates for invites 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ask God to show you where He's at work • Plan a fun online event • Make a plan for how to leverage Instagram to meet and welcome new people • Preview Flourishing Communities at first event
FOLLOW-UP	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Online Follow-up → Intercessional Prayers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray: Who is God drawing to your group? • Everyone follows up and asks, "how do you hope to flourish this semester...?"
SMALL GROUPS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → How to lead an online small group → Select a pre-written Bible study guide 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray: Ask God to form new communities • Use Flourishing Communities for Bible study and/or group meetings