

The logo for 'Front Yard People' is displayed in a white rectangular box. The text 'FRONT YARD' is on the top line and 'PEOPLE' is on the bottom line, both in a bold, sans-serif font. The background of the entire page is a black and white photograph of a person sitting in a green lawn chair outdoors, with a white bag on their lap. The person's face is partially obscured by the logo box.

FRONT YARD PEOPLE

Week One | Be Aware | 08.24-25.2019

Grow Deep Conversation Questions: Use these questions to help you process the message in your personal time of study or with your group. Time suggestions are based on a 90 minute group gathering.

Message Recap: Whether we have a front yard or not, we have opportunities to interact with people every day. But in today's world, oftentimes we are attempting to find ways to keep people out of our "yards" than inviting them in.

» Opening

(2-3 minutes)

- Introductions - this is especially important if this is your first meeting and if there are new members
- Housekeeping - clarify expectations
 - **Announcements:** These are in your Community News email. **Please read and communicate! Encourage participation!**
 - Remind your group that this is a confidential meeting
 - **Remember there may be many thoughts and views. Please remain kind and respectful during conversations.**
- Pray - open your time together in prayer

» Introduction

(12 minutes)

- Ice-Breaker: Whether you have a front yard or not, how well do you know the people who live around you? Do you know them at all?
- Digging Deeper: What are the things that we allow to fill our lives? What is the danger in not creating time and space for others?

» Observation | Read Luke 16:19-31

(12 minutes)

- What are your initial reactions to this passage? What do you find challenging? Are you encouraged by any of these verses? Why?

» Key Principle | Don't choose easier, choose better.

(12 minutes)

- In Luke 16:19-31, Jesus paints a pretty big "neighbor" contrast that may be hard to relate to, but what are the disparities in your neighborhood, community, and workplace?

» Our Gate | Reread Luke 16:19-21

(12 minutes)

- What kinds of gates do people hide behind today? What are the gates in your life? What purpose do your gates serve?
- How can you help people who are "at your gate" and why can it be so tempting not to?

» Our Eternity | Reread Luke 16:22-26

(12 minutes)

- Jesus is highlighting the difference between lives committed to others or oneself when he talking about eternity - where do you see the opportunity for growth in your life here?

» Our Legacy | Reread Luke 16:27-31

(12 minutes)

- Are you convincing the next generation in your life to be available for others? Describe what this looks like.

» Closing and Prayer |

(15minutes)

- Who needs you to take a risk on them?
- During this series, what is a way you can be more available to your neighbors? What is something practical you can do to serve those close to you? Share some ideas with your group and then check in with one another throughout the next four weeks.
- Close by praying for one another to be honest about the gates in their lives and the people who need them to open up their hearts.