Icebreaker
Of these three, which would be the hardest thing for you to give up: eating meat, drinking coffee, or engaging in social media?

Prayer
Ask the Holy Spirit to help you in the area discussed today.

Key Scripture
“Tell the whole community of Israel that on the tenth day of this month each man is to take a lamb for his family, one for each household. If any household is too small for a whole lamb, they must share one with their nearest neighbor” (Exodus 12:3–4 NIV, emphasis added).

The Big Idea
The lamb of the Jewish Passover was a type and shadow of the coming Messiah. This was a meal that had to be shared. Also, all the members of the household were to partake of the meal with urgency. They were to be fully dressed, wearing their sandals, and carrying their walking sticks in their hands.

The lamb offered in sacrifice had to be perfect, in accordance with the law. This speaks to the fact that you and I cannot redeem ourselves. We need a perfect sacrifice to cleanse us from sin. Jesus is the only person who can make the claim to perfection. John the Baptist recognized Jesus as the Lamb of God. As he saw Jesus approaching him, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” (John 1:29 NLT).

In the Jewish Passover meal, it was unlawful to have leftovers, so if one lamb was too big for a household to eat, they had to invite others to share the lamb with them. In the same way, we should invite people to church so they can hear the gospel. Consider how many people in our city need the Lord. Recognize that our church is actually a small household in a city of hundreds of thousands. Inviting others to share in the lamb was not just something for the Israelites to do, but rather, we are meant to go beyond our households and share the Passover Lamb with our neighbors and coworkers.
Discussion Questions:

1. Who was the last person you invited to B-Group?

2. Do you believe God will help you grow in this area? How do you think He will do this?

3. What would happen if we began to take seriously this principle of sharing what is obviously far too big for just our church?

4. What do you think the urgency of the Passover meal and the walking sticks the Hebrews held in their hands symbolize for us?

Application
By better understanding God’s intent for the Passover lamb, we can make a more intentional effort to share with others an invitation to church.

Action Point
See Christ as the fulfillment of the Passover lamb, and recognize that the Lamb has to be shared. Start to invite people to share it with you! Bring family members and friends to church. Bring a co-worker to B-Group with you.

For the leader:

1. Instruct group members to:
   - Pray for and touch base with another member before next week.
   - Invite someone to the group next week and/or the church service you attend.
   - Encourage someone this week.

2. Remind the group that this is the Year of Outreach. Find out which outreach will be taking place in the zip code closest to your group and make plans to participate. One of the greatest joys of our lives in Christ is serving others.

3. What is the next step for each member of your group? Whether it is water baptism, Cultivate, or A-Team/B-Group leadership, encourage them in it. Also encourage all members to read their Bible and pray with their children and spouse daily.

4. Close in prayer, asking for any specific prayer requests.