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**Discussion  
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THE POINT:

ON MY WATCH, I WILL: RISK TO REACH OUT

## The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our "antennae up", to be looking for it. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

## The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- Have someone explain the Point in their own words.\*
- What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?\*
- Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- How did this Bible passage teach the Point?\*

*\*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this*

## The Reenergizer (optional)

Use this question if you need to get your group talking

- Have you ever gone somewhere and your outfit was not the right for the setting? (i.e., underdressed/overdressed; costume at a formal [dress up vs. formal dress]; swimsuit at a billiard party [pool vs. pool])

## The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- In your experience, how do you think churches have unintentionally placed obstacles to keep people from following Jesus?
- In the Point, Groeschel said, "In order to reach people that no one else is reaching, you need to do things that no one else is doing." How do you think our preconceived ideas of church have affected what we "can/can't" do as a church? When are these ideas "okay"? When are these ideas "bad"? What should be the basis for how we "do" church?
- It's easy to blame "the church" for not reaching people, but of course the church is us—Christ-followers! Read the following passages about things that we need to risk to reach people and explain each situation.\* Then share which is the biggest risk for you, related to reaching out.
  - *Personal Preference: Romans 14:1-21*
  - *Timeworn Traditions: Acts 15:1-19*
  - *Reality of Rejection: Acts 10:24-33, 44-48*
- What risks do you need to take personally to reach someone for Jesus? Go around the room, and, if appropriate, share that person's name, and what small (see last week's Point), practical step you plan to take to reach them for Jesus.
- After everyone shares, break up into pairs (preferably same gender) to briefly pray for each other about reaching out to that person.

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## The References

Main Passage: **Romans 14:13 (NIRV)**\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Let us stop judging one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put anything in your brother's way that would make him trip and fall...God's kingdom has nothing to do with eating or drinking. It is a matter of being right with God. It brings the peace and joy the Holy Spirit gives. Those who serve Christ in this way are pleasing to God. They are pleasing to people too. So let us do all we can to live in peace. And let us work hard to build each other up. Don't destroy the work of God because of food. All food is "clean." But it is wrong for you to eat anything that causes someone else to trip and fall. Don't eat meat if it will cause your brothers and sisters to fall. Don't drink wine or do anything else that will make them fall.

**Acts 15:1-19 (NLT)**\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

While Paul and Barnabas were at Antioch of Syria, some men from Judea arrived and began to teach the believers: "Unless you are circumcised as required by the law of Moses, you cannot be saved." Paul and Barnabas disagreed with them, arguing vehemently. Finally, the church decided to send Paul and Barnabas to Jerusalem, accompanied by some local believers, to talk to the apostles and elders about this question. ...James stood and said..."And so my judgment is that we should not make it difficult for the Gentiles who are turning to God."

**Acts 10:24-33, 44-48 (NLT)**\*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Peter told them, "You know it is against our laws for a Jewish man to enter a Gentile home like this or to associate with you. But God has shown me that I should no longer think of anyone as impure or unclean. So I came without objection as soon as I was sent for. Now tell me why you sent for me." ...Cornelius replied..."So I sent for you at once, and it was good of you to come. Now we are all here, waiting before God to hear the message the Lord has given you." ...