

NEW YORK INFO

The Location

New York City: “They don’t come any bigger than the Big Apple - king of the hill, top of the heap, New York, New York. No other city is arrogant enough to dub itself Capital of the World and no other city could carry it off. New York is a densely packed mass of humanity-8.1 million people in 309 square miles (800 square km) - all this living on top of one another makes the New Yorker a special kind of person. Although it’s hard to put a finger on what makes New York buzz, it’s the city’s hyperactive rush that really draws people here.” - Lonely Planet

The Condition

Because of New York’s diverse population a wide variety of religions are practiced, such as Christianity, Catholicism, Buddhism, Judaism, Hinduism, etc. The big need is to demonstrate what it looks like to have a personal relationship with God!

The Strategy

Through work projects, working with the homeless and other ministries, we will be showing God’s love in a tangible way. When sharing your faith, make sure to explain a personal relationship with Jesus, not religion. Don’t ask if people are Christians. Skip that question and instead ask if they know Jesus personally. As you talk, ask questions about their lives and answer questions about your own. Strategically use your personal testimony to show them what a personal relationship with Jesus looks like. Briefly and honestly share your struggles (but don’t glorify them), and then focus on how Jesus saved you, changed you, healed you or gave you hope!

Challenges for Prayer

Begin to pray daily for New York. Pray for hearts to be softened and for ‘divine appointments’ with individuals who are in bondage to sin. God is their only hope! Also pray for retention of converts and the follow up work our ministry partners will be doing. Many who convert never connect with a local church, grow and serve there. Pray that God would orchestrate ways for new believers to connect to the Christian community after you go home.

Our Ministry Schedule

As we worship and serve together, our team will bring light into the spiritual darkness and help the truth of the Gospel shine brighter than ever!! The week will include:

- Serve through relief work projects, mobile soup kitchens, homeless shelters, inner-city ministry, clothing distribution centers and evangelism.
- Join a number of ministries and agencies in their vision to reach the city.
- Explore NY on trips to the Empire State Building, the Statue of Liberty, Times Square, Rockefeller Center and Broadway.
- Prayer walk at the United Nations and Ground Zero.
- Minister at after school programs for at-risk youth.