

**Video 2: "Jesus Is On a Mission"** Colossians 1:19-20 and Revelation 21:5 | Book chapter 2

**Processing Our Insights:**

- 1) This video segment focuses on the new mission mindset we are invited to have as we join Jesus on his mission.
  - How would you sum up this new mission mindset?
  - How does this new mission mindset change the way you think about being on mission?
  - What is the mission of Jesus? And is his mission accomplished by getting people to a worship service or by helping people meet *him* wherever they may be? (Follow up question: What is the role of a worship service in the mission of Jesus?)
- 2) Four terms were introduced and defined. How would you explain each term to a friend?
  - "Missional Living"
  - "Missional Community"
  - "Neighborhood"
  - "Neighboring"
- 3) Greg indicated that our group is already beginning to act like a missional community. He said, "A Missional Community is a smaller group of neighborhood missionaries who gather regularly to support each other as they learn to live their lives as a mission trip."
  - Why do you think it would be important for neighborhood missionaries like us to regularly gather together like Greg describes? (See Hebrew 10:24-25)
  - What is the mission statement of our church (or what is the gist of it)? How would missional communities help accomplish our stated mission?
- 4) Only Jesus can do Jesus-work. Only Jesus could die on the cross and rise again to take away our sins. Only Jesus can know what's stirring around in the deep places of a person's heart. Only Jesus can ripen a person so that our seed of kind-attention, gentle-truth or longed-for-grace lands at just the right moment.
  - Jesus speaks of looking for "ripe" people in John 4:35. What does it mean for a person to be ripe?
  - What if a person is not yet ripe?
  - How does the analogy of the apple tree help you?

- 5) At the end of this video segment the Finke's invited us to take up the instruction of Jesus to open our eyes and look around. Who has the Father already put nearby us at home, at work, at school, etc.? Jesus wants us to understand that he is already working in their lives and that many of them are ripe for a little grace, friendship, wisdom or a listening ear.

However, in order to know how Jesus may be ripening them, we need to know their name and a little of their story. In the coming week, let's take a small but intentional step toward joining Jesus in our neighborhood. Here is your challenge: Go around to as many of your neighbors as you can in the coming days and find out the following:

- What is their name?
- What is a little of their story? For example: when and why did they move here, what do they do for a living, what do they do to unwind?

Write down what you find out and bring it with you next time.

### **Before We Go**

**"A-Ha!" Insights to Action:** What was the most significant insight you had as a result of today's video and discussion? Take **3 minutes** to write down your insight and what you think Jesus might be giving you to believe and/or do as a result. This is your self-identified assignment for joining Jesus in the coming days. In addition, will you take up the challenge in Question 5?

Have each person take **60 seconds** to share their self-identified assignment with the group.

In the coming days *watch for opportunities Jesus will give you* to put your self-identified assignments into play. The next time your group meets be ready to tell the stories of what happened (whether little or large).

**Ministering through Prayer:** As we prepare to head out on our mission adventure with Jesus, have each person ask the next person, **"How can I help you in prayer?"** After everyone has had a turn to answer, each person then prays for their neighbor. Write the prayer request in the space below so you won't forget.