

“PLACE” in “A NEW NORMAL” | Wk 5 | 6/28/2020

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WARM-UP: Engage (“Together”)

1. What is a place you love and why? (ie: could be a vacation spot, a part of town, etc)
2. Describe a place you learned to love. What changed? (ie: the sites, smell, sounds, memories)

WORD: Establish (“Truth”)

Leader: Questions below should allow for quick responses, evident by close reading of the text. Choose to use some or all of them (pending pace), as reading of the passage(s) will answer them as well.

- **Sermon Recap (if helpful):** Jason invites us to consider our city with new eyes and to see the holistic ways God calls us to love our neighbors in our new normal. We’re placed in Seattle for a reason and a purpose, yet we’re tempted to close our eyes and retreat from the complexities around us. We create an insular faith that is not good news to our neighbors who are perishing. We divorce our city's history, culture, and space from our identity in Jesus. We become hyper-individualistic and caught in “non-place” (Mark Sayers). We struggle like the Hebrews in our challenging circumstances and we don’t persevere in Christ. Instead we’re called to hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering and to spur one another on to love and good deeds. We are to encourage each other all the more as Jesus’ return draws near and to embody “place” in a new way.
- Read Hebrews 10:23:25
 - a. How does this passage call us to “consider” our city/world differently than we do?
 - b. What does this passage invite us to do to one another?
- Read Jeremiah 29:4-14
 - a. The Israelites are in exile. How are they instructed to live as God’s people in their world?
 - b. How does their calling align with ours as Christians in Seattle and our world in 2020?
- Read Luke 10: 1-9
 - a. In V 2, what does God ask his disciples to pray for?
 - b. Do you think God is asking us to answer that prayer? (See also Matthew 9:38)
 - c. How does Jesus tell the disciples to engage with their neighbors in their home/context?

APPLICATION: Equip (“Way”)

1. When are you tempted to distance yourself from your city or neighbors?
2. What “place(s)” does it seem like Christ is sending you to minister in “such a time as this”?
3. Who are neighbors that Christ has put on your heart in this season? How can you draw closer?
4. Where can you “eat what is set before you” (Luke 10) by loving others in our context?
5. Why do you think God has placed you in your city for a reason? What is that reason today?

PRAYER Empower (“Life” in the Spirit)

1. How can we pray for your ministry to those “placed” in your life?
2. Pray for passion for your ministry to neighbors, to identify them, and for strength and courage.
3. Answer your prayers by the power of the Spirit by going to love your city where you are “placed”.