

Video 1: “What’s Jesus Up To?” Mark 1:15 | Book 1 chapter(s) 1

Processing Our Insights:

In a remarkably short amount of time, North America has become one of the largest mission fields on the planet. The odds are very good that right now, wherever you live in North America, the people in your neighborhood and workplace are unconnected to a local congregation and may not be connected to Jesus at all. The church today is no longer servicing a community filled with Christians. We are now a church who finds itself in a mission field.

- What disturbs you about this kind of rapid change in your community?

The good news is that Jesus isn’t struggling or confused. *Jesus is on a mission!* Ever since Jesus broke out of the tomb on Easter Sunday morning, He’s been on the loose, pursuing His Father’s redemptive mission: ripening people and preparing them to be reunited with the Father He loves. In fact, that’s what Jesus is up to *right now* in every one of our neighborhoods. And... He invites us to join Him.

- What intrigues you about thinking of mission/outreach in this way?
- Does the idea of joining Jesus on His mission make you nervous?

When the Finke’s start working with people who are ready to be everyday missionaries, one of the first questions they ask is, “So, how’s Jesus messing with you?” Remember, “messing with you” doesn’t mean, “How is Jesus picking on you?” It means, “How is He ‘messing’ with your status quo? How is He ‘messing’ with your presumptions and preferences as a Christian? How is He trying to get your attention?”

- So, how is Jesus messing with you lately?

Joining Jesus doesn’t add another layer of busyness on top of an already busy schedule. Instead, joining Jesus is something we do in the midst of our busy schedule. Living missionally simply requires a new mission *mindset* and to put some new mission *practices* into play along life’s way.

- How does this shape/change how you live your everyday life?

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 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).