

Video 2: “Jesus Is On a Mission” Colossians 1:19-20 & Revelation 21:5 | Book 1 chapter(s) 2

Processing Our Insights:

“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.”

- How would missional communities help us “Connect People with Jesus”?
- What missional communities are you already a part of?

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?

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”. (Remember, a “neighborhood” is a network of people to which we have regular access” at home, work, school, etc.)

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?* (e.g., what do they do for fun? How long have been here? What are their hobbies?)

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.

Important Terms:

“Missional Living”

Joining Jesus on his redemptive mission and living each day as if it were a mission trip into our own community. We are Neighborhood Missionaries.

“Missional Community”

A smaller group of local neighborhood missionaries who gather regularly in order to support each other as we learn to join Jesus on his mission.

“Neighborhood”

Any network of people to which we have regular access. Who is regularly within our reach? Who are the people who live near us, work near us, play near us, etc.?

“Neighboring”

Any interaction that helps foster friendship between neighbors. Neighboring puts us into position to find out what Jesus is already up to in the lives of people near us.

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