

Video 7: “Talking with People & Doing Good” Ephesians 2:8-10 | Book 1 chapter(s) 14-15

Before the Video:

Last time, you identified one of the Gospels to “hear from Jesus” and join Him around in. Which Gospel did you identify? What did you see, what did you hear, what do you think He was asking you to believe or to do?

Processing Our Insights:

The first half of today's session focuses on the Mission Practice of **Talking with People**. In our culture, ignoring most of the people that are regularly within our proximity is called normal. We look right past them. But what if we began to change that? Greg points out that *Jesus can do more with two people who are beginning to talk with each other than He can with two people successfully ignoring each other.*

- This makes sense. But what if someone is more introverted like Susan? What is the good news for introverts who take up the Mission Practice of Talking with People?
- Susan said that “the practice of talking with people is more about listening...than sustaining chit chat.” What does this mean for how we talk with people?
- So, what kind of conversations are you having with the people around you?

The second half of today's session unpacks the Mission Practice of Doing Good. Doing good isn't about adding more to our schedule—it's about being intentional in the places we already are. Greg Finke often says people need to see Jesus in us before they're ready to hear about Jesus from us.

- What struck you about the story of Ben and his autistic classmate?
- What would it look like for you to go through your normal week with a ‘Do good’ mindset? What might change?”
- How is the good we do for others, like planting a seed? In what ways can simple acts of kindness prepare the soil of someone's heart for the love of Jesus to take root?

Before We Go:

In the coming week, let's take a small but intentional step toward joining Jesus on His mission. **Here is your challenge:** Who do you know that could use a seed of God's goodness planted in their life? They may not deserve it, but they need it. What's their name and what will you do within the next few days? *This is your self-identified assignment for joining Jesus in the coming days.*