

Video 6: “Hearing from Jesus” Matthew 17:5 | Book 1 chapter(s) 13

Before the Video:

Share with the group the insights and experiences you have had over the last several days as you sought to join Jesus on His mission in your everyday life. If you were able to interact with neighbors from any of your various neighborhoods, tell your story to the group. You can use the 5 Questions to help you get started.

- How did you see God at work this week?
- What has Jesus been teaching you in His Word?
- What kind of conversations are you having, especially with those who are not yet Christians?
- What good can we do around here?
- How can we help you in prayer?

Processing Our Insights:

The Bible says that because our identity is in Christ through our Baptism, we can now know who we are and what we have. We are forgiven children of the King and we have been given the gifts of the Kingdom. We have been given abundant love, abundant grace and abundant goodness – things our broken world needs so badly. And because of who we are and what we have in Christ, we now know what we can do. We can look for opportunities to share a little of what we have in abundance with people who need it. The practice of hearing from Jesus in the Gospels helps us do that.

- How does “hearing from Jesus” help? And why do you think this is important for you as an everyday missionary?

What Jesus said in the Gospels, He is still saying today. And what Jesus did in the Gospels, He is still doing today. So if we want to recognize and respond to what Jesus is telling us or showing us in our daily lives, it begins with being familiar with what He’s already shown and told us in the Gospels. Over and over again, throughout the Gospels, Jesus discipled His followers in these three practices: **seek the Kingdom**, **humble ourselves**, and freely **love our neighbors** who need it so badly. These practices are the foundation for the 5 Mission Practices.

- Why is humbling ourselves so important?

We love our neighbor out of the abundance of love which is already ours through Baptism. With the abundant love we already have as God’s children, we look for those who need some love. Then we give some of what we already have in abundance to our neighbor. From God, through us, to our neighbor. Freely we have received, freely give.

- What difference does this make as you think about loving people nearby (coworkers, classmates, etc.)?

Before We Go:

Every day we need Jesus’ encouragement and challenge in order for us to take up His practices anew. This is why “hearing from Jesus” in the Gospels is so important. Starting tomorrow, which Gospel will you open and start following Jesus around in? What will He be able to show you? (*Hint: it will have something to do with your true identity in Christ, and the invitation to seek the Kingdom, humble yourself and then love your neighbor.*)

- Take a moment to ask Jesus which of the four Gospels He would have you open tomorrow and start following Him around in it. Identify by circling → **Matthew | Mark | Luke | John**

In the coming days, listen for what Jesus is telling you in the Gospel, and reflect on what He is showing you in your everyday life. The next time your group meets, be ready to tell the stories of what you learned.