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Week 1: Identify Your Places

Gather Differently

This “For Further Study” is designed not to distract you from the main purpose of each week, but hopefully to enhance your Biblical study in order to move you into action. After spending time in the following passages and study reflections, you are encouraged to share with others (family, group members, witness3 people) what the Holy Spirit is teaching you through this study.

It is clear that all Jesus followers are called to give witness about Jesus. The book of Acts, in part, is a record of the early church movements. Gatherings of Jesus followers popped up all over the Roman Empire because Jesus people gave witness and testimony of Jesus wherever they went.

Grow Intentionally

Take a few moments and read the following passages:

- Acts 1:8
- Acts 2:32
- Acts 3:15
- Acts 10:39
- Acts 22:15

If asked today by someone, how would you give witness to what you’ve personally seen and heard about Jesus?
(Write out your responses)

The word “witness” is used in all five passages. It’s meaning has legal, historical, and ethical depth. So, bearing witness here is both a word and a lifestyle decision. Consider a deeper word study on “witness” and reflect upon times you’ve committed to something and gone all in with your “witness”

Our witness of faith often falls into three categories (Head, Heart, and Hands). R. Kent Hughes, pastor, and theologian, explains these categories in helpful ways:

- Logos (Head): focuses on how we *KNOW* Jesus. Often, we come to know him more through study the Word (The Bible).
- Ethos (Heart): focuses on how we *LIVE* like Jesus. Our inner reality changes and is being transformed to be more like Jesus.
- Pathos (Hands): focuses on how we *LOVE* others like Jesus. Our witness is on display best when we demonstrate it with the people and places around us.

This entire series is about getting you to *MOVE* into action with your witness; to activate your Pathos.

Take a moment and reflect upon the following quotation:

“Our lives simply **MUST** display the inner reality of what we externally proclaim.” - R. Kent Hughes

What needs to move in your beliefs and behaviors to make you a more effective influence for Jesus in the places around you?

- Is it your *head*? Do you need to establish a daily rhythm in the Word?
- Is it your *heart*? Do you need to confess sin or receive healing from any wounds or ask for forgiveness for things you’ve done?
- Is it your *hands*? Do you need to commit to simple but profound outward actions that move you out of your current religious, comfort bubble?
- Is it a combination of all three? Be honest and share your answers with a trusted friend.

Take special note of the Holy Spirit’s power and presence in the lives of Jesus followers. It is truly and only through the Holy Spirit that we have power and presence of mind to love others as Jesus does.

Pray and ask the Holy Spirit to flood your mind, your heart, and your hands to empower you to be a witness in the places you go this week.

Go Missionally

Here’s one more exercise on how to identify your places within your greater community. Using the following 3 circle diagram, complete the following prompts:

1. Write down 2-3 places you go daily or multiple times a week
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
2. Write down 2-3 places you go occasionally or weekly
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
3. Write down 2-3 places you go only monthly
 - a.
 - b.
 - c.
4. Finally, pray and ask the Holy Spirit to help you circle the 3 places you will focus on for the next 6 months

