

Love Where You Live week 2

These questions are for your growth and to prepare for the conversation in your Growth Group. We encourage you to read through them, spend some time thinking about your responses and write down anything that could aid in your Group. We also encourage you dig deeper, research, look for supporting Scriptures, etc. We are excited for your growth relationally and spiritual. **We recommend the Bible versions of - ESV, NTL, NIV and The Message.

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Series Overview: Jesus believed changing the world began with loving your neighbor. What would happen if a group of people took that seriously? And not metaphorically, but practically? What if you & I decided to invest the best of who we are into the people, places & problems we're living in the midst of right now? What would it look like to really love where you live?

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Ice Breaker - What is your most used emoji? Which emoji annoys you the most?

Q1 – Do you ever struggle with control, needing to be in control or having things done a certain way? How does that impact the people around you? How do you respond in moments when you aren't in control?

Q2 – The statement was made “**We don't want to do just anything, we want to do something that really matters.**” Would you agree? Why or why not? If you could make a difference in one thing, what would it be?

Q3 – Read **Acts 11:1-18** - [Read in different translations] In your own words, what is happening in this passage? What stands out to you the most in this reading?

Q4 – The statement was made that “**God meets tremendous needs through tiny acts of humility and that is where we must start.**” Would you agree or not and why? Can you think of a tiny act you committed that had significant impact in someone's life or maybe one someone else had in your life? Why was it so impactful?

Q5 – Two statements really sum up the message well and challenge us all to do something. “**Know who you are. Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can.**” & “**No one regrets a small sacrifice on the other side of someone else's life change.**” How can these statements impact the decisions we make daily to love others? What could your group do before you leave to impact someone else's life in a positive way?

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Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: Read Acts 9-11. Take time to read the full story of what's happening in the early church. Think about how difficult this must have been for Peter but why he needed to make this change.

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God meets tremendous needs through tiny acts of humility.

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ACTS 11:17-18 - 17 If then God gave the same gift to them as he gave to us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could stand in God's way?" 18 When they heard these things they fell silent. And they glorified God, saying, "Then to the Gentiles also God has granted repentance that leads to life."

//PRAY

As you share prayer requests, take time to personally make requests known in an honest and safe environment. Encourage everyone to write down requests and to pray during the week. Please take a moment and pray for the impact of South Hills Burbank in the personal lives of those who attend and those who haven't yet. Take a moment and pray for: the launch of our new 5th service, birthday weekend and Easter at JBHS.