

Love Where You Live week 3

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?

//TALK

Ice Breaker - Say you're independently wealthy and don't have to work, what would you do with your time?

Q1 – Have you ever dismissed something that you later accepted after someone you know experienced it and told you about their experience? [maybe a diet, health trend, financial decision, class, relationship advice...]

Q2 – The statement was made “**Ironically, many of us are hesitant to do for others what someone else once did for us.**” Would you agree? Why or why not? Why would someone hesitate to do for someone else what someone did for them? What are possible motivations?

Q3 – Read **John 12:12-13, 17-18** - [Read in different translations] In your own words, what is happening in this passage? Putting yourself in the disciples sandals for a moment, how would you feel riding into town with Jesus as he is celebrated in such a way? In v. 18, it's mentioned that the crowd had “heard.” What did they hear and why would they respond the way they did, in your opinion?

Q4 – The statement was made that “**We investigate what inspires us.**” Would you agree or not and why? Can you think of a time that you investigated what someone else experienced because what they experienced inspired you? What did you find for yourself after investigating?

Q5 – The statement was made that “**God's job is to show them He is real, it's our job to tell them where we found Him.**” Consider taking time in your group to pray for those you want to invite to experience Jesus this Easter. Maybe write their names down and pray over them this week.

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//GO DEEPER

Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: Read the full account in John 12:12-20. Take time to consider the different parties involved in this story and who Jesus is to each group of people...the disciples, the crowd, the religious leaders...

//THE POINT

Invite someone who believes in you to come and see with you.

//MEMORIZE

John 12:19 - 19 So the Pharisees said to one another, “You see that you are gaining nothing. Look, the world has gone after him.”

//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 Easter Sunday. Pray for those who will attend and connect with South Hills Church for the first time. Pray for those that may experience something new in Jesus for the first time.