

# 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.

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**Series Overview:** You may have an idea of where you'd love to live, but a lot of us struggle to love where we live. We imagine taking more responsibility if (and when) we find the perfect community. It's something we think about doing in the future somewhere else, not in the unimpressive here and now. But what if we decided to do things differently? What if we decided to invest the best of who we are into the people, places & problems we're living in the midst of right now?

## //TALK

**Ice Breaker** - If you were a wrestler [or wrastler] what would be your entrance theme song?

**Q1** - Have you ever had a time that you got worked up about a silly injustice or a pet peeve and ranted and raved about what should be done, but then didn't actually do anything personally about it?

**Q2** - The idea was introduced about "**SLACKTIVISM**" during the message. It's defined as "**showing just enough casual support for a cause to boost your own ego, but failing to contribute anything actionable or helpful to the cause itself.**" Have you ever seen this or heard of this being played out in practical ways? What's the damage of this ideology and behavior?

**Q3** - Read **Matthew 14:14-21**. [read in a couple different versions]. What stands out to you in these verses? Do you think there is a greater lesson Jesus is trying to teach his disciples here? What could it be?

**Q4** - The statement was made, "**Often God's answer to a need (whether in prayer or casual conversation) is us.**" Do you agree or disagree? Why?

**Q5** - Take a moment and consider that the disciples didn't even have enough food for themselves. How many fish and loaves did they have to eat? Now divide that by 13. Is it possible that the disciples at first didn't believe that what they had would even had made a difference? Is it possible at some point they decided to go ahead with it to see what Jesus could possibly do with what they had?

**Q6** - Would you agree that "**Hidden in each small act of love and obedience is an abundance of blessing...for everyone.**" Who can you include in your blessing? How can you share it? What do you have that could be shared?

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## //GO DEEPER

Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: Read Matthew 14 and gain the full context of what is happening. Matt. 4:19, Acts 1:8, 2 Corinthians 5:20 - What do all of these verses teach us about reaching others for Christ?

## //THE POINT

God meets tremendous needs through tiny acts of obedience.

## //MEMORIZE

**Matthew 14:16-17 - 16 But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." 17 They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish."**

## //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 pray for the need presented this past weekend as we all come together to meet the financial need of our church.