

LOVE WHERE YOU LIVE week 5

**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 - You have to sing a karaoke song, what song do you pick?

Q1 - Have you ever had someone passionately invite you to try something [sushi, a roller coaster, an activity] and you reluctantly said yes because you trusted them? Did the experience change your perspective? Please share.

Q2 - What was an incredible experience you had that you were able to share with someone else? What would it have been like to not have someone to share it with? Have you ever felt that way about church and wanting to share it with someone else?

Q3 - Read **John 1:35-46**. [read in a couple different versions]. What stands out to you in these verses? What do you see is happening between Jesus and John The Baptist? Why would John have his disciples leave him and start following Jesus?

Q4 - The statement was made, "**The right interaction with someone can change a wrong impression of something..**" Do you agree or disagree? Why?

Q5 - The statement was made, "**It's God's job to show them he is real, it's your job to tell them where you found Him..**" Do you agree or disagree? How could understanding this statement change the way we invite others to church and ultimately a relationship with Christ?

Q6 - Read **John 1:47-51**. [read in a couple different versions]. What stands out to you in these verses? What would you be thinking if you were in the place of Nathaniel?

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//GO DEEPER

Additional Scriptures to read and discuss: Research the passages where the disciples were "invited" to join Jesus and follow him. [use Google to search for it]

//THE POINT

Invite someone who likes what they see in you to come and see with you.

//MEMORIZE

John 1:45-46 45 Philip found Nathanael and said to him, "We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph." 46 Nathanael said to him, "Can anything good come out of Nazareth?" Philip said to him, "Come and see."

//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 Beyond Our Walls Projects as we all come together to meet the financial need of our church and community.