



Joining Jesus on His Mission

Video Training Curriculum

Video 4: "Seeking What's Already Happening" Matthew 6:33 | Book chapters 7-9

Before the Video: Each person take a moment to share with the group the insights and experiences you had over the last several days as you sought to join Jesus on his mission in your everyday life.

Note: Perhaps now would be a good time to ask if anyone is feeling inadequate at this point in the training process. Have a laugh together and take a moment to reassure and encourage. Remember your secret weapon: Jesus is actually resurrected and on the loose in your community!

Processing Our Insights:

- 1) Today we focus on how to seek, recognize and respond to what Jesus is already doing in the lives of the people we are enjoying. As you watched the video, what insights did you have?
- 2) Many people assume seeking and recognizing what Jesus is doing must be the most difficult and mysterious part of joining Jesus on his mission. Why is it actually pretty simple?
- 3) At one point Greg said, "It's not that God is inactive. It's that we are inattentive." What makes sense about that?
- 4) The stories of the shrimp party and lawn mowing are examples of the Kingdom of God coming near. Jesus does all the hard, complicated work of preparing people and circumstances. All we have to do is watch for where a little grace can be applied. We can go about our daily routines simply asking ourselves, "What's Jesus up to here?"
 - What is a recent story from your life where you have seen "the Kingdom of God coming near"? (If you are having trouble with this question, think of something good or hard that happened last week. What might have Jesus been up to in the midst of that good or hard moment?)

- 5) Susan reminds us that when we see a need for a little grace in our neighbors' lives, we do not need to feel like we must solve their problems or fix what is broken. That's Jesus' job, not ours. Why is this important to keep straight?

Before We Go

Note: You may want to break into groups of three.

“A-Ha!” Insights to Action: What was the most significant insight you had as a result of today's video and discussion? Take **3 minutes** to write down your insight and what you think Jesus might be giving you to believe and/or do as a result. This is your self-identified assignment for joining Jesus in the coming days.

Have each person take **60 seconds** to share their self-identified assignment with the group.

In the coming days *watch for opportunities Jesus will give you* to put your self-identified assignments into play. The next time your group meets be ready to tell the stories of what happened (whether little or large).

Ministering through Prayer: As we prepare to head out on our mission adventure with Jesus, have each person ask the next person, **“How can I help you in prayer?”** After everyone has had a turn to answer, each person then prays for their neighbor. Write the prayer request in the space below so you won't forget.