



Joining Jesus On His Mission

Video 3: "Mission Mindset Changes" Matthew 11:19 | Book chapters 3-6

Welcome to the online version of *Joining Jesus On His Mission* sponsored by Bethany & Holy Cross. For each of these online sessions you will read a portion of the book *Joining Jesus On His Mission*, watch a short video and then spend some time processing through the material. You may find it helpful to do this class with at least one other person. That could be a spouse, family member or good friend. Processing with another person will help greatly as you encounter the topics in the book. The videos are copyrighted and password protected. Please do not share the videos with others, especially on social media. So, are you ready? Let's see what Jesus is up to today!

Please Read Chapters 3-6 before you watch the video.

Video 2 link- <https://vimeo.com/517292031>

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Processing Our Insights:

- 1) Today we focus on three simple but important changes in how we think about mission. To give us a context for this experience, take a few minutes to identify the various "neighborhoods" in which you spend significant time. Label the circles below to represent each of your "neighborhoods," for example, home, work, gym, coffee shop, school, etc. Draw additional circles as you need them. Then in the circle write the names of people you know from each "neighborhood."

Three large empty circles are arranged horizontally, each positioned below a horizontal line. These circles are intended for the user to draw and label their own "neighborhoods" and list the names of people they know from each.

- 2) The first mission mindset change we are already familiar with: Jesus is on a mission and he invites us to join him. We don't go *for* Jesus. We go *with* Jesus. He is already at work in the lives of everyone in every "neighborhood." Our part is to seek, recognize and respond to what he is already up to in people's lives.

The second mission mindset change is that *the river has moved*. Our culture has moved from a church-culture to a mission field. Even our very best services and programming are not enough to attract a significant percentage of the community into our church buildings like they used to.

The third mission mindset change is to trust that our secret weapon for joining Jesus on his mission is *being with and enjoying people*. In other words, we imitate what Jesus did in the Gospels.

- As you think about these mission mindset changes, how do they impact the way you may relate to the various people you have identified in your "neighborhoods" (above)? Share your insights with the group.

3) The Finke's presented a simple formula for joining Jesus on his mission:

Enjoy People + Seek, Recognize and Respond to what Jesus is already doing in the lives of the people we are enjoying

- As you think about the various people in your "neighborhoods," what would it take to create the time and space to occasionally hang out with them and enjoy them like we see Jesus doing in the Gospels? (You do not need to think in terms of doing something every day or even every week, but every once in a while.)
- Take a moment to pray this prayer: "Dear Jesus, you have placed various neighbors nearby me. Who is ripe for some unhurried time with me and You? Amen."
- Which person or family came to mind during the prayer? Write their name(s) below. (Perhaps Jesus has been preparing them for such a time as this.)
- What could be your plan for hanging out with this person within the next month? Share your thoughts with your group.

Note: If you are more introverted, how can you spend time with your neighbor in a way that may challenge but does not violate your relational wiring? If you are more extroverted, how can you build on your previous friendly encounters with neighbors to begin forming deeper friendships? Also, if you do not know a person or family very well, perhaps you could expand the plan to include other people as well. If the person who came to mind is of the opposite sex, be wise and be sure to invite additional people to join you.

My Plan:

Who?

What?

When?

Who else can be included?

Who can help me with this plan?

- In the coming week, let's take a small but intentional step toward joining Jesus on his mission. Here is your challenge: begin to implement your plan by contacting the person(s) and inviting them to what you've planned. See if they are available within the next month for your get together.

“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. In addition, will you take up the challenge in Question 3?

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.

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