

JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION -#6

And

The Implications for Our Lutheran Church—Anytime, Iowa

Based on the book JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION, by Greg Finke.

Foundational Work: Matthew 6:25-34

1. Jesus teaches us that worrying can't add anything of import to our daily living. What worries do we have about sharing our faith? What worry stops you? What more could you possibly do to alleviate that concern?

2. Jesus' answer to relieving worry is to seek _____ and _____. (Matthew 6:33) Any thoughts on how we do this? Can God take away your worry?

Chapter 12 – 14 Review and Discussion

1. On page 103, Pastor Finke reassures us that we don't have to manufacture kingdom opportunities, rather pointing out that God does. What Kingdom opportunities has He manufactured for you?

2. On page 105 in his "Here's the Point" section he asks how you've seen God at work in your life this week. Any thoughts?

3. Pastor Finke directs us to let Jesus mess with us just as He did His first disciples. We do this through the study of the Word. On pages 107-108, he lays out 4 suggestions for doing this. Which of these appeals to you the most?

4. On page 100, the first line of paragraph two, the author writes, "Studying the words of Jesus is good, but He wants us to move on to _____ them." Think of any manual or text you've studied (not the Bible). How has doing added to the learning? Which are we weakest on; "studying" or "doing?" What might strengthen us in both?

5. On page 110, in “Here’s the Point,” the author stresses that we need to hear from Jesus in the Gospels. What has He been teaching you in His Word lately?

6. In Chapter 14, Pastor Finke asks us to think about those people whom we see regularly and don’t notice. Whom might he be talking about in your life?

On page 112, in the last paragraph he writes, “But this much is clear: Jesus can do more with two people who are _____ with each other than he can with two people who are successfully _____ each other.” Does that resonate with you?

7. On page 113 at the bottom the author cites a study about Americans. What were the findings? Does that surprise you? How might that open the door to your witness?

8. On page 115, in the first full paragraph, we hear of a man who learned an important lesson about sharing his faith. In the last sentence he says, “It took me a long time to finally learn (and I’m still learning) that asking questions and listening is often more _____ than giving a speech.” Agree?

9. Whom might you “talk” to this week?

HOMEWORK FOR NEXT WEEK – CHAPTERS 15 & 16