

Joining Jesus, Session 2, Chapter 2

1) Define neighborhood (in groups). Now compare your definition to Pastor Finke's. "For our purpose a neighborhood is defined as any network of people to which we have regular access" (page 27). Examples on page 28 – workplaces, schools, recreation leagues, yoga classes, craft beer clubs, band parents, soccer moms, dads who wait together for their daughters to finish dance classes.

2.) Take a moment to list the "neighborhoods" to which you have access.

3) What does Jesus want to have happen in our neighborhoods?

See 1 Timothy 2:3-4.

See Isaiah 49:6.

"Jesus is on a mission. He is on a grand adventure to redeem and restore human lives to the kingdom of his Father. This is nothing new." So says Finke at the beginning of this chapter (page 27).

4) What is God doing? Sowing the seed.

See Isaiah 55:10-11.

See Mark 4:1-9.

5) What are people doing?

See Mark 4:11-20.

“Some people are resisting, some are ignoring, some are oblivious, and some are almost ready. But Jesus is in the redemptive process of uniquely preparing each of them to receive what the Father would freely give them: forgiveness of sins and a new life with him forever. That is Jesus’ mission” (page 29).

6) What does God call on us to do?

See Mark 5:1-20, especially verses 19-20.

7) Read John 4:34-38.

What does Jesus remind us of here?

The Lord is in mission!

“So open your eyes and look around. Notice the people who are already there” (page 34).

8) Talk about the “early steps” on page 35. Who do you know that might be open to some “early steps”? Make notes to yourself.

9) Read the close of the chapter on pages 35-36, then end with prayer.