

Joining Jesus, Session 7, Chapter 11

“Getting into Position Every Day”

- 1) What does it mean for a baseball player to get into position?
- 2) How do we missionaries with Jesus get into position?

- 3) Discuss the 5 practices (page 98).
 - Seeking the Kingdom
 - Hearing from Jesus
 - Talking with People
 - Doing Good
 - Ministering through Prayer

- 4) What does it mean to us that the 5 practices are “not part of a church program”, but rather “part of a daily lifestyle”?

- 5) How do these verses connect?
 - +1 Peter 3:15 +Ephesians 2:10

- 6) Discuss this quote (page 99).
 - “The 5 practices are not what we do when we *go* to church. The 5 practices are what we do when we go out to *be* the church and join Jesus in our everyday lives.”

- 7) “Dwelling 1:14 is not about a program, it is about a missional lifestyle focused on joining Jesus wherever he invites us.”

Joining Jesus, Session 7, Chapter 12 – “Seeking the Kingdom”

1) Discuss this quote (page 104):

“The human needs we see in our neighbors, coworkers and friends...are personal invitations from Jesus for us to *respond*.”

2) How do these verses connect?

+James 2:16-17

+Proverbs 19:17

+Matthew 25:34-40

3) Discuss this quote.

“Are you sometimes irritated by the people who interrupt your day? Maybe now is a good time to stop seeing such moments as interruptions and start seeing them as appointments... appointments set up by God without consulting us” (pages 103-4).

Joining Jesus, Session 7, Chapter 13 – “Hearing from Jesus”

1) According to Pastor Finke, what does it mean to “listen to Jesus” (read the Bible and really listen)?

2) Read these verses and discuss.

+Mark 1:35

+Jeremiah 15:16

+Psalm 119:105 & 119:130

3) What does this mean? “Don’t read to get through the words of Jesus. Read to get the words of Jesus through you” (page 108).

4) How and why do we put Jesus’ words into practice?

Read Matthew 7:24-27.

How do we move beyond *information* to *transformation*? (p. 109)