

Disciples Making Disciples: Living as an "Alongsider"

Session #3: Identifying Your Jerusalem



Session 3 Agenda

1. Quick review of Meeting #2
2. Activity & Sharing: Who did YOU have as “Alongsiders”?
3. Identifying Your Jerusalem
4. B.L.E.S.S Practices



From last time...

Who feels confident today to recite the **first ten words** of Redeemer's Mission Statement?

Hint: Think "who" and "why"!



Our Mission

*To proclaim Jesus Christ
so that all may know
God and grow in faith
toward Him and in love
toward one another.*



Also from last time...

- We talked about our true **Identity**, **Value**, and **Purpose**
- We shared what holds us back from sharing Jesus' love with others.
- We cleared up misconceptions we have about discipling others.





Our goal for today...



By the end of our time together, **WE** will have identified a few **PEOPLE** who God has put in our lives to love with our words and actions.



Were you fortunate
to have a
**"Formative
Five?"**

Ideally, everyone has 5!



Research has shown that we need roughly 5 people in life who remind us of spiritual truths and mentor us through our journey in Christ (childhood to adulthood).

Did (or do) you have **5 people in your life** who serve(d) you in this way?

Individual Activity



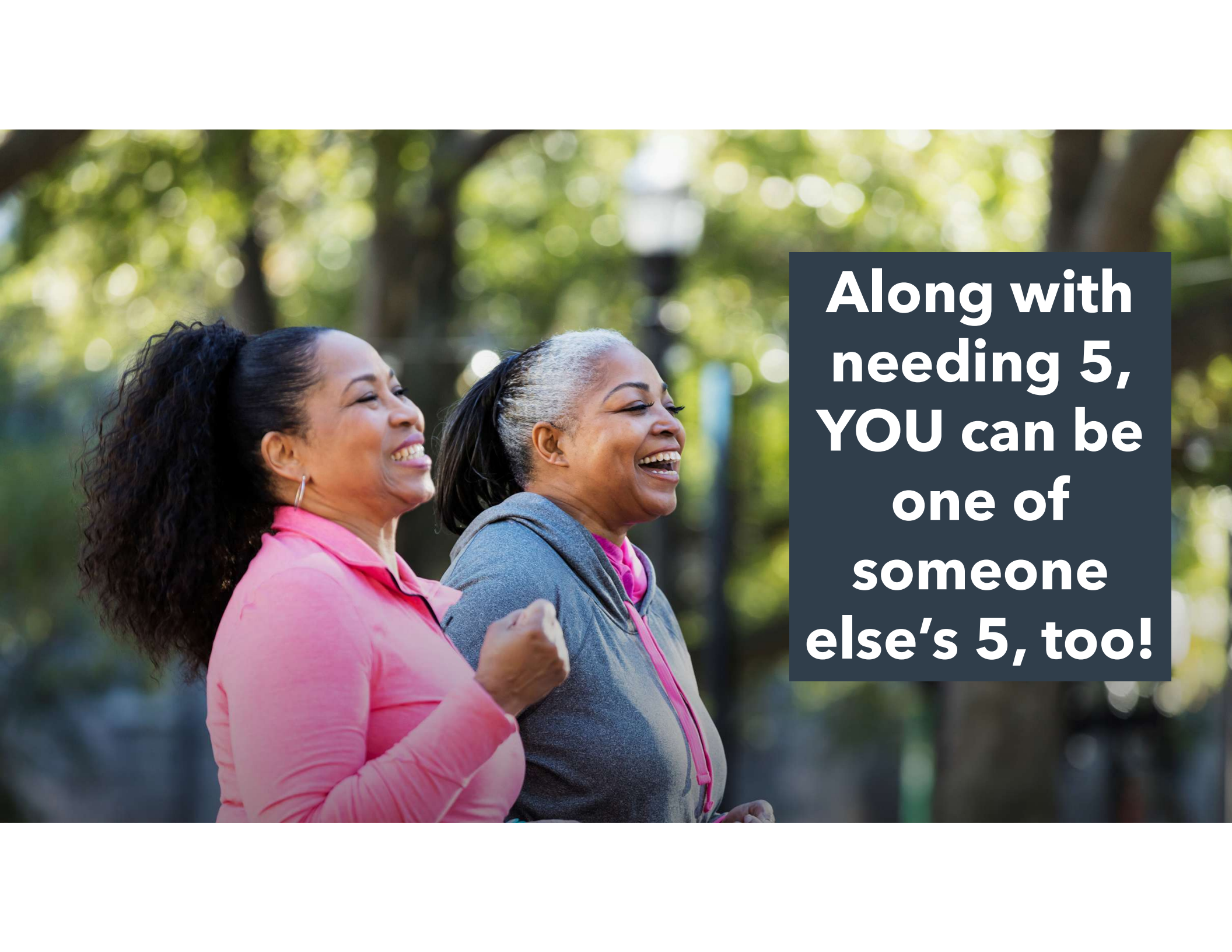
Think of **5 people in your life** who were the **MOST** influential in sharing Jesus with you or encouraging your faith.

Handout: Write their names and their relationship to you on your handout and answer two questions about them.



Paired Discussion

1. *What did your "Alongsiders" say or do that was especially meaningful to you?*
2. *How did they make you feel when you discussed spiritual matters or faith?*

A photograph of two women of African descent laughing joyfully in a park. The woman on the left has dark curly hair in a ponytail and is wearing a bright pink long-sleeved shirt. The woman on the right has grey hair in a ponytail and is wearing a grey hoodie over a pink shirt. They are both looking upwards and to the right. The background is a blurred green park with trees and a lamppost.

**Along with
needing 5,
YOU can be
one of
someone
else's 5, too!**

Let's Talk About "Your Jerusalem!" (Acts 1-2)



Who are the people in “Your Jerusalem?”

People who share commonalities with you.

Language

Family

Neighbors

Hobbies

Careers

Clubs

Who are the people in “Your Jerusalem?”

Language	Culture	Community
Speak the same language as you	Have a similar culture like yours	Live in a city or town similar to yours



We all have people...

1. To intercede for
- 2. To identify**
3. To invest time with
4. To invite
5. To involve



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You've probably
already been
"showing up"
for people.

Examples of “Showing Up”:

- Maybe you’re helping a neighbor or friend in some way...
- Maybe you’re checking in on someone who is sick...
- Maybe you’ve struck up a few casual conversations with an acquaintance at a social club, coffee house, or diner...

Who are **3 people** in “your Jerusalem” right now who might **not have faith** or are **uncertain** or **confused about faith** AND...

- Are in the midst of a major “life” event?
- Are struggling in some way?
- Might be lonely?
- Might be considered “the least of these my brothers (or sisters)?” (*Matt. 25:40*)



What can we learn from the Good Samaritan?

- He ran *toward* someone who was hurting, angry, suffering, or lonely.
- He intentionally “went to the other side of the street.”
- He “stepped into” that person’s mess and helped him.



Luke 10: 25-37

How about ALL of US?



How many of us run *toward* someone we know who is hurting, angry, suffering, or lonely?




When we see someone we know in trouble, do we walk around them or “go to the other side of the street?”



Are we willing to “step into their mess” and help them?

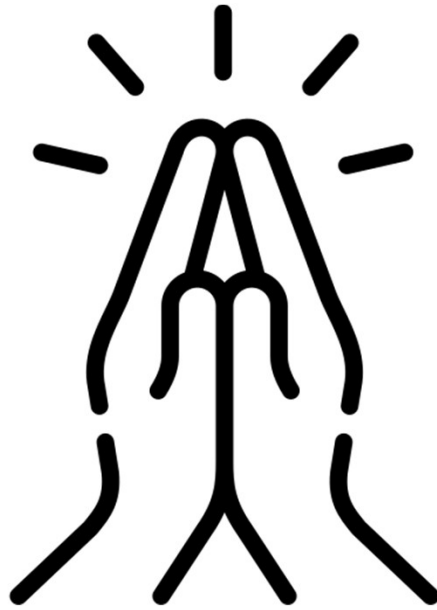


Our nature is often to avoid the situation *for a number of reasons*.
Christ can help us change our mindset to run *toward* it!



B.L.E.S.S. Practices 5-minute video





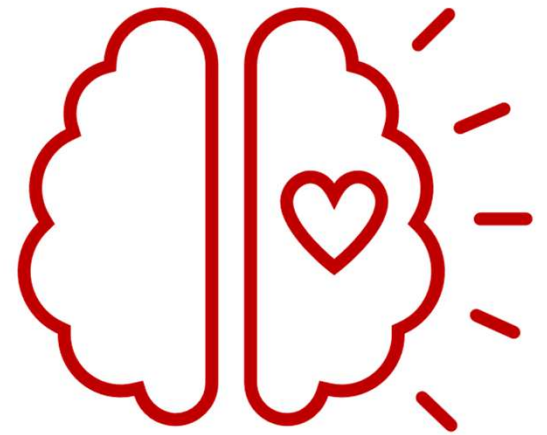
Did you know...

It takes roughly **50 hours**
to make a friend?

We all need *unhurried* time to
befriend others and share Jesus.

The BIG changes happen in face-to-face conversations.

We're not required to be eloquent! (1 Cor. 2:1-5)



Practice BLESSing!



Choose one person from your list and
think of ways you may BLESS them!
(make notes on your handout)



Let's Share!

“What is something you will do with **one person** in your life to love them with your words and actions?”



Important Reminders!

As Jesus uses us to build His church,
our job is to:

- Pray and be the mouthpiece.
- Plant and water – only Jesus grows.
- Be patient and allow God to work in His perfect timing.

Here's what's coming up next time:

Topics	Goal
The Spiritual Conversation Curve	Introduction to the Spiritual Conversation Curve and Questions to Deepen Relationships



We'll continue our journey on Sunday, 12/8!

