



# Disciples Making Disciples: Living as an “Alongsider”

Session #6  
The 5 Mission Practices

# Session 6 Agenda

1. Recap of where we've been
2. What are the 5 Mission Practices?
3. Table Activity: Share and Discuss
4. Wrap up and Moving Forward...



# Our Mission Statement



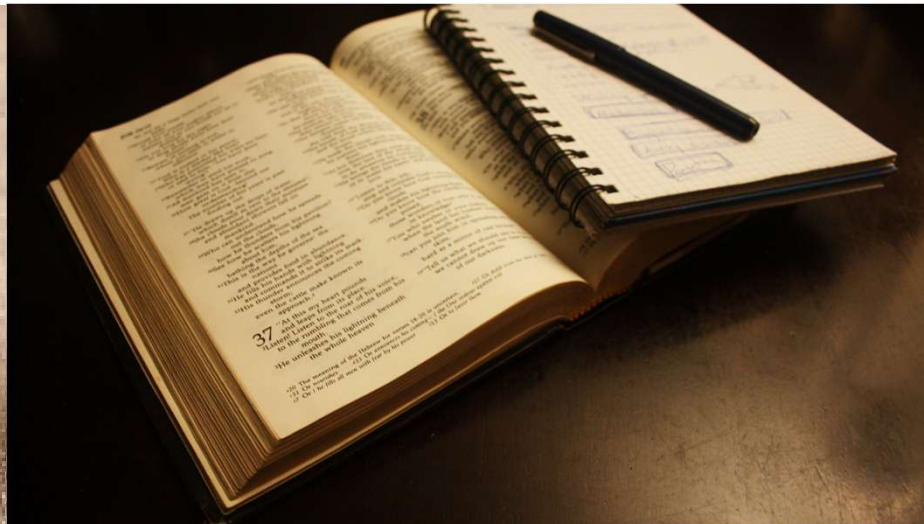
*To proclaim Jesus Christ  
so that all may know God  
and grow in faith toward  
Him and in love toward  
one another.*

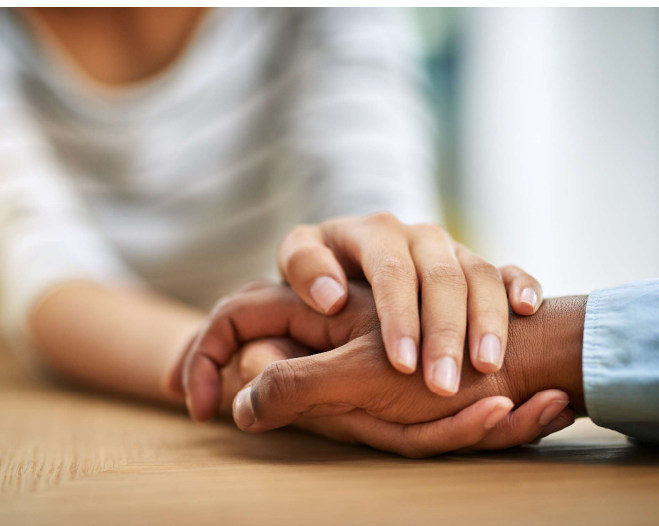
# How do we accomplish our Mission Statement?

The Good News is preached and taught weekly.

We receive the Lord's Supper.

And people are baptized. 😊





We are in fellowship with one another.

We “bear each other’s burdens” (ideally).

We lift each other up in prayer.

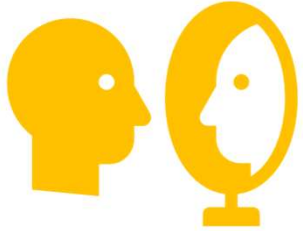




*We live “missionally” when we ‘seek, recognize, and respond to what Jesus is doing around us every day’. (Pastor Greg Finke’s words).*



**“You ARE  
who God  
says you are”**



## Your True Identity

**Your true identity** is in Christ! You are who God says you are – a beloved child of the heavenly King.

*1 John 3:1: See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!*

*Content credit: Greg Finke, Dwelling 1:14*





## Your True Value

**Your true value** to God is so great that He is pleased to give you things of the Kingdom in abundance.

*Luke 12:32: Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom.”*

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# Your True Purpose

**Your true purpose** is to give from the abundance you have in Christ and share it.



*John 4:35: Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest.*

Every day, we get to go out with Jesus, looking for people who need a little bit of what we already have in abundance and offer it to them. **Love your neighbors freely!**

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A photograph of a beach at sunset. The sky is filled with golden, textured clouds. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm glow. The beach is wet, reflecting the golden light. In the background, there are strings of white lights. A large white rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "Where have we been?".

Where have we been?

## We've had important table discussions about:

What a Disciple  
is (a follower)



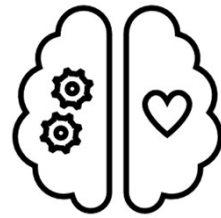
Fears that prevent us  
from sharing Jesus



People who helped  
us in our faith walk



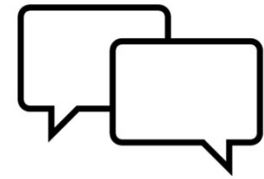
# We learned when it comes to sharing Jesus...



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and God puts people in our lives



for us to enjoy and get to know!

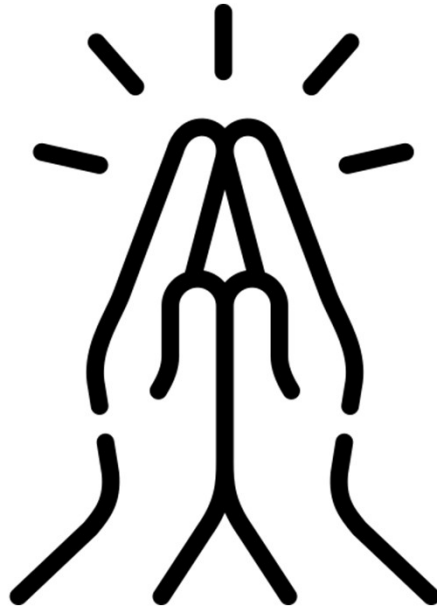




Listen



B.L.E.S.S.



Begin with prayer

Serve



Eat



Story



# It's all about connecting with others...





*“Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. <sup>6</sup> Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.”*

COLOSSIANS 4:5-6





**Our goal for today...**





To examine  
5 Mission Practices  
and explore ways that  
we can support each  
other as we join Jesus  
on His mission.

# Everything we've done so far fits into this framework...

1. **Seeking the Kingdom:** Looking for the good the Father has prepared in advance for us to do. (Eph. 2:10)
2. **Hearing from Jesus:** Reading the gospels, what is Jesus giving us to do for the good of others?
3. **Talking with people:** What's their name? What's their story? What's Jesus up to in their life? (People in your "neighborhood," your Jerusalem)
4. **Doing good:** How can we be a way that something good happens in their day? (Gal. 6:9-10; Heb. 13:16)
5. **Ministering through Prayer:** Praying for people daily and with people as God gives opportunity.

The "5 Practices" - The Rev. Greg Finke – [www.dwelling114.org](http://www.dwelling114.org)



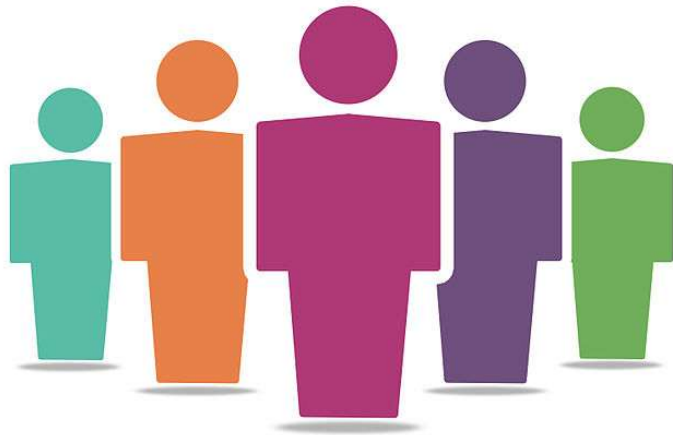
## Keep these things in mind about the 5 Practices...

- They are NOT about adding a “mission program” or other “new” programs at our church.
- They work wherever we go, across the world or across the street.
- They put us into position to join what Jesus is already doing in others’ lives.
- They are what we do when we go out to BE the Church and join Jesus in our everyday lives!

The Rev. Greg Finke, pp. 98-99, “Joining Jesus on His Mission”



# Table Activity



## **Share/discuss:**

1. Think about the situations God has placed you in during recent weeks.
2. Have any of you had any interesting experiences or interactions where you thought Jesus was “up to” something?
3. What were the circumstances?  
How did you respond?



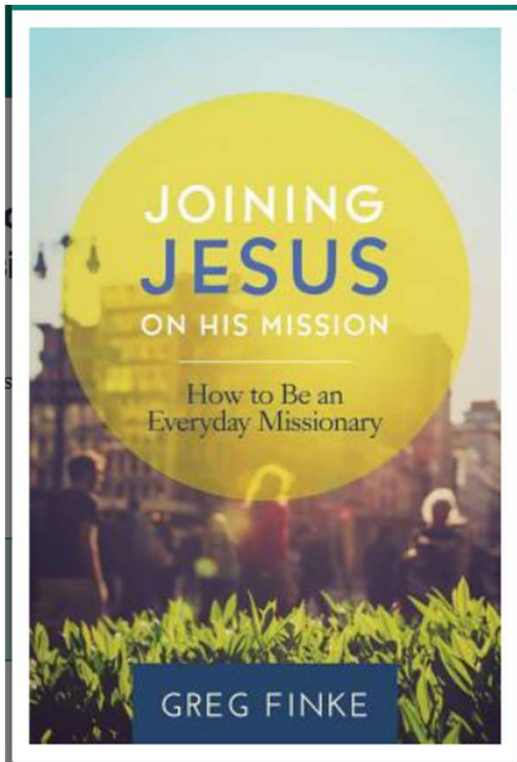
# **Moving forward, let's stay on the same page with Jesus!**

- We are joining Jesus on HIS mission. (Matt. 28:19-20)
- Redeeming and restoring human lives is HIS job, not ours. We do the simple work of loving our neighbors. (Matt. 4:19, Luke 19:10, John 4:35, John 13:35, Galatians 5:6)
- We don't go FOR Jesus. We go WITH Him, not before Him.
- We aren't Jesus "salespersons." We are Jesus-followers.
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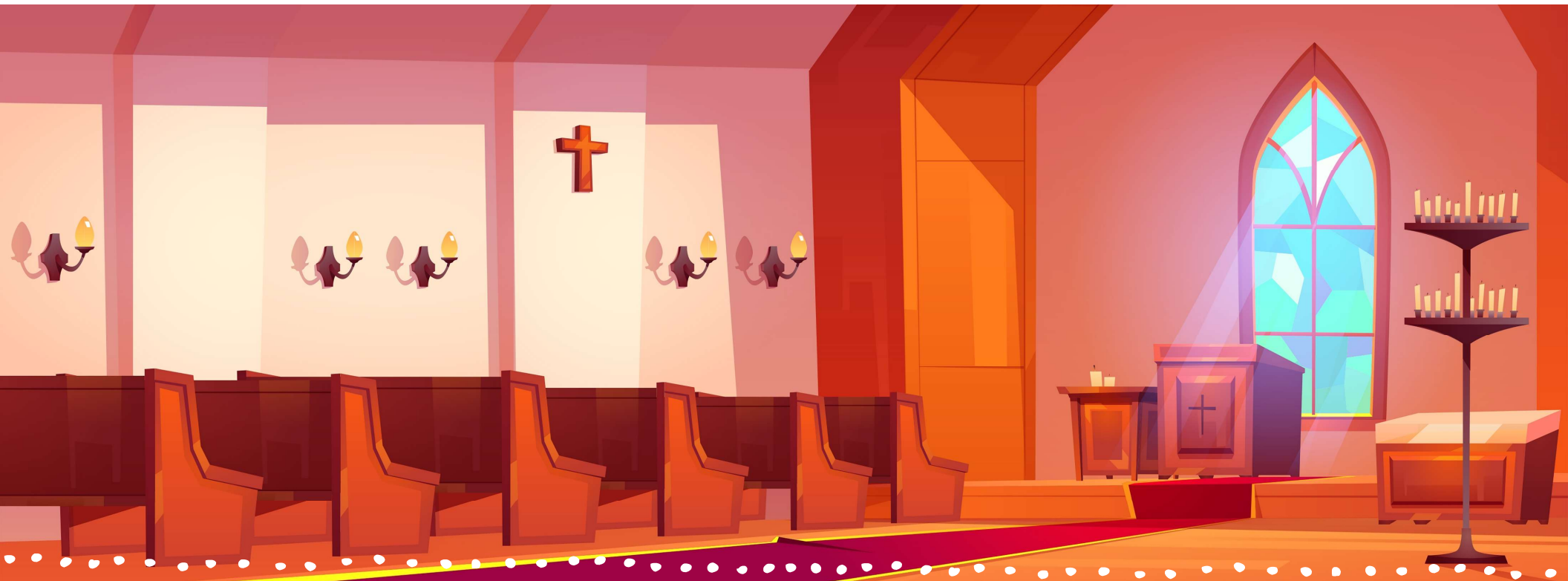
# Where do we go from here?

## Book



## What will we do?

1. Gather in small groups or “buddy system” (in person or virtually) for follow-up and supporting each other (frequency TBD).
2. Discuss ways that we are living “missionally” with people in our social/work/school circles. (Our Jerusalems)
3. We highly encourage using “Joining Jesus on His Mission” book as a catalyst for your discussions!



Outside of these walls we are in the  
**MISSION FIELD!**