

# following Jesus | on mission | in community

## Week 2 | Jesus Mission Community | January 15

**Key Focus: Mission is not something we do to people; mission is what we do with people.**

### Opening Up:

- Where is the coolest place you have had the opportunity to travel? Explain.
- Have ever been a minority or an outsider visiting a unique sub-culture or foreign culture? What is that experience like?
- What subcultures do you belong to? (Examples: cross-fit, sports, comic-con, profession, hobby groups, social groups...) Explain the particulars of a group. What are the people like? Why are they in this group? What makes the people or the group unique?

**Reference:** Genesis 3:1-13

### Discuss:

Look again at the 4 Questions:

1. Who is God? (Father, Son, Spirit)
2. What has God done? (adopted, purchased, sent)
3. Who am I? (child, servant, missionary)
4. How should I live? (We live as a family of missionary servants, or **we follow Jesus on mission in community.**)

This week our focus is on mission.

1. In Genesis 3:8 God takes the first missionary journey. The missionary journey was a walk in the garden. What does this teach us about how God does mission?
2. Sin is a separator. How have you witnessed sins separating effects in the world?
3. In John 20:21 we find out that we have been sent like Jesus was sent. For Jesus Mission was eating and drinking with non-christian friends (Matthew 11:9). What does your diner table teach you about your mission? Who do you need to share a meal with? Explain.
4. Dr. John Perkins wrote: "The concept of relocation is best understood in terms of what we call a **"theology of presence"**—a theology that lies at the heart of God's relationship with humanity. **The incarnation**—God's coming to earth in human form to live and breathe and walk and work and minister among us—**illustrates God's desire to be present with those he has created.**" How is practicing presence a valid way of living on mission? How can we all do it a little better?
5. The incarnation of Christ teaches us how to do mission (John 1:14). The fastest way to learn a language and a new culture is through immersion learning. Living in community is really the key to unlocking the language and culture. Jesus put flesh on the word through dwelling. We must live in proximity to people in order to contextualize and translate our mission and message. What keeps us from living in community with the people we are called to reach?

What separates us?	How did Jesus respond?	Missional practices:
Language	Word	Translate
Culture	Flesh	Contextualize
Community	Dwell	Proximity

6. How do Christians sometimes expect the outsider to be the missionary who has to learn a new language, culture, and community? How can being aware of this change our interactions?
7. Explain this truth and its importance to our mission: "God did not base his love for us on our actions toward him, nor should we base our love for others on their actions toward us."
8. Pray.