

Message Recap: Read John 20:21; Acts 1:8; Matthew 25:40

We often discount our role in the advancement of the Kingdom of Heaven here on Earth because we aren't paid to do "ministry." Or maybe because we don't know enough. Or maybe because we don't see the problems we can fix as big enough. Whatever our excuses are, God calls us past them into a life that is the difference and changes peoples' worlds one at a time. Jesus declared that we would do even greater things than He did in His ministry (John 14:12), do we believe Him?

# Pray

Dear Jesus, show me how I can be Your hands and feet on my street. Show me how I can reach my city. Show me how You've shaped me to reflect You. Help me lean into the work You've set aside for me to do. Help me recognize that it's Your power in me that brings about lifechange and love shared. Amen!

#### Digging Deeper Jesus Makes Us The Difference

Week of March 17, 2019

These Digging Deeper questions can be used the week following the Sunday message. You can use these questions for personal growth and development, or as a guide for your family or Connect Group discussions.

#### **Getting Started**

- What's something in your past that you've been too embarrassed to ask for help with?
- Name a couple of your secret talents or hobbies.

### **Digging Deeper**

- 1. What's been your experience sharing your faith story with others?
- 2. What are some needs or problems that you've noticed your friends, family, or neighbors might have?
- 3. What do you think your "call" might look like? If you have a harder time identifying what your call might be, what are some of the things that you do that get you excited, or that you're really good at doing?
- 4. Let's brainstorm! How can the needs or problems you identified in question 2 and your "call" or talents from question 3 line up?
- 5. What's the Gospel connection you can bring when your talents meet a need for someone who doesn't yet know Jesus? Remember, it's not your job to "seal the deal" of salvation, just to plant the seed and share your story. The Holy Spirit will do the rest.
- 6. Do you believe that you could do even greater things than Jesus here in your time on Earth? Why or why not?

## **Living Jesus**

Your every day life can be used to the glory of God. We often think that because we aren't necessarily paid to do ministry that we can't make an eternal impact. Start recognizing the glorious intersection of how God has made you and the brokenness of the world. Start living in relationships where you can reach into the brokenness and offer a little light. Allow God to lead you into places that stretch you so you can see Him at work in your life and the lives of those around you.

#### **Your Story**

When has God really awakened His desires in your heart in a surprising way that lined up with your own desires? Can you name a time that you saw a glimmer of God reflected in how you are created?

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