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WEEK 3: SHOW UP WHERE YOU ARE

## Connect

Each week there will be a Faces and Places assignment, an opportunity to be agents of change in the world, pointing everyone we encounter to more and more life in Jesus.

- ♥ How did you do with your “I will” statement last week?
- ♥ Would you rather, invite some people you don’t know well to a party, or say yes to attending a party where you don’t know everyone?

## Discover

The Apostle Paul wrote a letter to a young church in Rome; a church that he had heard good things about, but had not yet visited. In his letter, he encouraged and challenged them about many essentials of faith. One thing he wrote about was that God loves everyone and invites everyone to join Him to say “yes” to Him.

Paul makes his case in this paragraph:

“9 If you openly declare that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. 10 For it is by believing in your heart that you are made right with God, and it is by openly declaring your faith that you are saved. 11 As the Scriptures tell us, “Anyone who trusts in him will never be disgraced.” 12 Jew and Gentile are the same in this respect. They have the same Lord, who gives generously to all who call on him. 13 For “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.”

—Romans 10:9-13 New Living Translation

- ♥ Who is included in your “everyone”? Be honest. Who is not currently part of your everyone?

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Paul's rhetorical style frequently answered his reader's questions before they were asked (or countered their objections before they were made). In his very next paragraph, he makes the case for the necessity of leaving comfort zones:

"14 But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them? 15 And how will anyone go and tell them without being sent? That is why the Scriptures say, 'How beautiful are the feet of messengers who bring good news!'"

—Romans 10:14-15 New Living Translation

- ◆ What comfort zone will you need to leave in order to share your story with your everyone?
- ◆ Who might not hear the Good News and your story, if you don't take it there?
- ◆ What is your biggest concern about sharing your story with your everyone?

## Respond

During our time together, what we are learning should be accompanied by an active response to what God is doing in our hearts. How we respond to God shows our willingness to let God direct our daily lives.

We can look for the good already in their life the positive attributes within a person. We can also look for the need in their life, and the sin or brokenness that is part of their story.

- ◆ In which of the faces in your life do you already see the good that could be pointed out? What do you see? What will you do?
- ◆ Do you see a need in one or more of the faces in your life that could prompt you to bring hope and comfort? What do you see? What will you do?

Write an "I will" statement that reflects your goal for the week:

I will \_\_\_\_\_.

## Pray Together

Praying for one another is an essential part of following Jesus. How can we pray for you as you follow Jesus?