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FACES AND PLACES



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WEEK 4: RELATE 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 on your “I will” statement? Did you point to the good in any of your face’s lives this week? Were you able to bring hope or comfort to one of your faces in need? Talk about it.
- ◆ When you played Hide and Seek as a kid, what was the best part about being a the one who hid? What was the best part about being the seeker?

Discover

Sometimes the simplest of words can have the richest of meanings. The word seek in Matthew 6:33 comes from the Greek zeteo, which “has some fascinating nuances. The tense of the word suggests it is an action that never ceases...and hasn’t been completed yet.”

“Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.”

–Matthew 6:33 New Living Translation

- ◆ What would happen in the places you frequent if you became more curious about the faces you meet there?
- ◆ What needs to happen for us to get better at looking for the good and spotting the need in the faces in our places?
- ◆ What agendas or differences might be standing in the way of genuine curiosity?

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♥ Where might you need to set aside personal preferences or convictions in order to find common ground?

♥ How can we live grounded by the essentials while building relationships with those who are different from us?

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.

♥ In which of the faces in your life will you need wisdom to look beyond differences and find common ground?

♥ Where (places) and with whom (faces) do you need to practice genuine curiosity?

Write an “I will” statement:

I will _____.

Challenge

Think about possible next best steps for some of the faces in your places. For example, invite them to the Fall Festival (October 30th)

Pray Together

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