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#### 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.

Did you find out anything new about the good or the need in the lives of any of the faces in your places? Did you come up with any ideas about the best next step for any of your faces? How did your "I will" statement? Were you successful in completing it?

• Have you ever been concerned or intimidated by a responsibility you were given?

### Discover

"It helps to consider ourselves as ambassadors of heaven. As Christians we carry the name of Christ into every environment we enter. That includes our relational environments. Through our behaviors, words and actions, we show those who don't know Jesus what He looks like."

Consider the following from Paul's letter to the church at Corinth:

"15 He died for everyone so that those who receive his new life will no longer live for themselves. Instead, they will live for Christ, who died and was raised for them.

16 So we have stopped evaluating others from a human point of view. At one time we thought of Christ merely from a human point of view. How differently we know him now! 17 This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person. The old life is gone; a new life has begun!

18 And all of this is a gift from God, who brought us back to himself through Christ. And God has given us this task of reconciling people to him. 19 For God was in Christ, reconciling the world to himself, no longer counting people's sins against them. And he gave us this wonderful message of reconciliation. 20 So we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!" 21 For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

-2 Corinthians 5:15-21 New Living Translation.

#### WEEK 5: START TOGETHER

• What is the role of an ambassador?

• What must be true about your behaviors, words, and actions for you to be a good ambassador?

- Who was the ambassador for Christ who influenced you?
- How has God prepared you to be an ambassador?

◆ Have you begun to feel you are where you are for a reason? Are there faces you are connecting with, or are there places you frequent that you feel are for a reason?

#### 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.

♦ Is there a place you go where the reason is becoming clear? How do you need to be an ambassador there?

• Are there faces you interact with that you sense are longing for grace? How will you be an ambassador in their lives?

Write an "I will" statement:

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#### **Pray Together**

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