

What does my part of the Ekklesia look like?

EACH of US is called to make Jesus accessible to people.

THE PROBLEM - The church, Riverside Community Church, will never penetrate the culture we live in with Jesus!

The Essential Gospel = The PERSON of JESUS.

THE SOLUTION - EACH of US is called to make Jesus accessible to people WHERE THEY ARE.

Operates IN the experience of people who do not know Jesus YET!

Gets out of our NORM to get INTO their NORM!

Becoming an EFFECTIVE Church of MON-SAT is a very simple thing to do.

1. Understand the perspective of their NORM.
2. Understand our call – To make Jesus accessible to people.
3. ... WHERE THEY ARE - Be ready to Move when God opens the door!!

Study Guide

Read through Luke 19:1-10. Note the things Jesus did to make himself accessible. How extraordinary where they? What did Jesus say or do that caused Zacchaeus to make the declaration he did in vs.8?

The Woman at the Well – John 4:1-29. Read the story out loud in your group. Do your best to get inside the story. If you are crazy brave watch, this adaptation of the story here:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=el7dzoNV3IY>

What Gifts of the Spirit did Jesus use in this interaction? What is His purpose in using the gifts as He did? Have you ever questioned why we in North America see very few miracles? When was the last time you had the courage to step out in this way outside with somebody who is not from the church?

Application Questions:

1. What did Jesus do that made himself accessible to the people around him? What am I doing today that makes Jesus accessible to people? Where are "your" people at?
2. Which Gifts of the Spirit could you see being useful to making Jesus more accessible to your friends? (Dream Big – According to Eph 3:20 your dreams will still be smaller than His!!)
3. The Jesus Question: What does it look like for you?