Joining Jesus On His Mission #2
And
The Implications for Our Lutheran Church—Anytown, Iowa

Based on the book JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION, by Greg Finke.

Foundation Work: John 3:1-16
1. Interesting observations?

2. The Holy Spirit is portrayed by Jesus as the _____________ in verse 8.
   • What does that imply about His activities?
   • Have you seen evidence of that?

3. If the Spirit were blowing around Nicodemus, who else might it have been “blowing around?”
   • Who do you suppose the converts are in Acts 2:47? Acts 6:7?
   • What made them ripe for conversion?

4. What is Jesus’ mission in our area?

Chapter 1 & 2: Review and Discussion
1. Reflections on the reading?

2. What is the author’s assertion about mission in the first big paragraph on page 30?
• Does that make it more inviting work?

• Does John 4:35 still apply? When harvest is near ready corn dies, soybeans drop their leaves, apples drop, etc. What are the signs that the kingdom harvest fields are ripe around you?

3. What is an important evangelism message on the top of page 33?

• The author talks about what to do with ‘unripe’ people and not to hurry the ripening process. He keeps checking back. How do we do that?

4. Of what can we be sure (p.34, para. 2)?

• What does a witness’s “cool cup of water” look like?

• Who has given you such a drink?

5. Any ways that Jesus is ‘messing with you’ so far in this study?

6. Has our congregation joined Jesus on His mission?

**Homework for Next Week:** Chapters 3-5 (pages 37-56)