JOINING JESUS ON HIS MISSION - #8
And
The Implications for Our Lutheran Church-Anytown, Iowa

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

**Foundational Work:** Acts 17:24-28

1. What is your understanding of this passage? What implications does this have for where God has placed you (both in time and space?) What role does “chance” play?

2. How does Acts 17:24-28 inform Ephesians 2:10?

3. Any thoughts on what great works God might have planned for you?

**Chapters 17-19 Review and Discussion**

1. Studies show that 30% of Americans know none of their neighbors. Does this match up with your experience? What might you be missing?

2. On page 137, the author broadens the definition of “neighborhood.” What is his definition? Into how many neighborhoods has God placed you? Have you had a party for any of them?

3. On page 140 we are introduced to the concept of “unhurried neighboring” and the opportunity it provides to answer three important missionary questions:
   a. Who are these people?
   
   b. What is Jesus already _____ to in their ___________?
   
   c. How can I _______ him?
4. Luke 10:5-7 provides a rubric of knowing when someone is ready to hear more about the Kingdom of God. These “persons of peace” (p. 140, paragraph 3) are the ones who “seem to be open to your good will and peace…who seem to be open to talking with you.” Any names come to mind? What limits our interactions?

5. On page 156, the author tells the importance of gathering with missionary friends to reconnect and tell our “God-stories.” There, we are given five questions that can serve as a conversation starter. What are they? Any thoughts on those five questions as you reflect over last week?

6. On page 157, paragraph 2, the author asserts “________________________ stories reinforce________________________ values, which reinforce ____________________ practices, which produce more ____________________ stories.” Agree?

HOMEWORK: Review the book and come prepared to discuss what we should do here at Our Lutheran Church!