Joining Jesus, Session 4, Chapter 5

1) We have been talking for weeks now about “Joining Jesus on His Mission” and “missional living” and “being an everyday missionary.” So how are you feeling about it and what are you thinking about it? Discuss in small groups and then as a large group.

2.) In this chapter, Pastor Finke says (page 54):

* Jesus does the incredibly complex work that requires the Son of God.
* We do the incredibly simple work that requires a little child.

What is meant by this?

Read and discuss 1 Corinthians 2:10-13 and Isaiah 50:4.

3.) In this chapter, Pastor Finke says (page 54):

In order to join Jesus on his redemptive mission all we really have to do is:

* enjoy people;

* and seek, recognize and respond to what Jesus is already doing in the lives of the people we are enjoying.

What is meant by this?
Joining Jesus, Session 4, Chapter 6

1.) Discuss examples of how Jesus enjoyed hanging out with people.

2) Why is it a wise mission strategy to invest time in the process of becoming friends with people? (page 59)

3) What is “agenda-less” friendship? (page 63)
   Why is it so important?

4) Read John 3:1-21. How was Jesus a friend to Nicodemus?
   Now read John 19:38-42. What was the end result of Jesus simply offering friendship and enjoying being with Nicodemus?

   Moses – Read Exodus 3:7-14, 4:1-14
   Jonah – Read Jonah 1:1-17

5) Do we need an agenda for our friendships?
   “How that agenda gets worked out and the timing of that agenda is Jesus’ work alone” (page 65).
   Read Proverbs 19:21 and Proverbs 16:33; see also James 4:13-17.

6) So, where do we go from here?