



Introduction

In the third weekend of our June series Reach, Pastor Jesse Tink encourages us to discover what God is already up to in someone's life as we uncover their story. Our challenge this week is to simply interact with what they believe and share what you believe.

Discussion

1. Many of us find it is difficult to have a spiritual conversation with those in our Little Iowa. Share why is this and how have you been able to overcome this.

2. Read John 4:3-9 together. Why is it important for us to simply hold a normal, everyday conversation with someone in our Little Iowa?

3. Read John 4:16-18 together. Why is it important for us to show more interest in their story than trying to be interesting?

4. Read John 4:19-26 together. Discuss the importance of asking good questions and listening below the surface of their story.

Eake Action

1. What will this week's challenge of simply interacting with someone in our Little Iowa look like for you? Make a plan to invite someone into your normal, everyday life. It may change their mind about God.

2. As you begin holding those normal, everyday conversations, spend enough time with someone to learn their story. Listen long enough and they'll begin to trust you with their mess and they just might trust Jesus.

3. During your conversation(s), commit to being more interested in their story than anything else. Let them take the time to talk about themselves.

4. Be ready to tell the reason of your hope in God. You may find out that God was already at work in that person's life.

Resources

1. Check out this trailer for a six-week series called <u># Every Day Matters</u> on RightNow Media. This is about how to have purposeful conversations and take action steps to advance God's kingdom.

2. Jennie Allen has a five-week video series on RightNow Media entitled Woven: The Art of Discipleship

3. A good summer reading by Regi Campbell and Andy Stanley: <u>Mentor Like Jesus: His Radical Approach to Building</u> the Church available on Amazon.com