

Sermon Discussion Questions, August 28, 2011

Think Local: Why Changing the World Starts in Your Backyard, Week Two

Understanding the Local Context

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Selected Scripture

JESUS' PATTERN – He is extremely responsive to local culture. Matt. 4:13-18;
Luke 10:1-12

- 1. How did Jesus choose where He ministered? How is the place where you live a place of strategy for you? Give examples?**
- 2. What are some things you should take into account if local ministry is going to be successful?**

PAUL'S PATTERN – He too is extremely responsive to local culture. Acts 13:16-41;
Acts 17, Ephesians 6:10-20

- 3. What was Paul's background? To whom did he minister? What can you learn from Paul's example?**
- 4. As a group, discuss people in the area who might be different than you? What are the opportunities for you to minister to people who are different than you in the Bartlesville area?**

OUR PATTERN – We too must be highly responsive to local culture. John 20:21;
Matt. 5:13-16; Matt. 6:33

- 5. What are some of the pitfalls of becoming too identified with the American evangelical subculture? How have you seen this subculture be counter-productive in the missional movement?**
- 6. Where are the niche opportunities for service in Washington County? What are tangible ways you can make a difference in Bartlesville?**

