

Witness Where You Are

Scripture Reading — Philippians 2:12-18

“You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea...”
Acts 1:8 —

During our first seminary summer internship, God placed us in Mount Rainier National Park. There we discovered a mission field. This experience absolutely changed our lives. We had never before engaged in Christ’s mission apart from specific activities in our local churches. Through relationships with park employees and visitors, Jesus opened our eyes to see great mission opportunities close to home. We discovered how much we loved those people who did not yet know the Lord. We enjoyed sharing Jesus with them. The experience forever shaped our desire to join Jesus in his mission wherever God would place us.

Jesus calls us into his mission of love right where we are. Sometimes “mission trips” away from home create a misperception that we need to go away from our everyday settings if we want to serve in Christ’s mission. We need to ask Jesus to open our eyes to the opportunities for mission in our own surroundings too.

Wherever we had the privilege to plant churches, the challenge was to think carefully about our “spheres of influence.” What were the regular patterns of life for us on a daily or weekly basis, and who were the people we consistently met in those situations? Those spheres of influence are the places where Jesus asks you to see people with his eyes. Whom does Jesus want you to see today?

Prayer

Lord, bring to our hearts and minds those who are right in front of us today. Help us to see them and to reach out to them with your love. Amen.

Devotion topics: [Christianity](#), [Discipleship](#), [Life](#), [Christian Life](#), [Missions](#)

Written by Allen & Lynn Likkel — <https://today.reframemedia.com/authors/allen-lynn-likkel>

<https://today.reframemedia.com/devotions/witness-where-you-are-2011-11-09>

Printed on June 24, 2019

