

EXPLORE A NEW CORNER



HEAR

Read John 12:20-36

Let's unpack the grain metaphor that Jesus is using. Why is it necessary for a grain of wheat to "fall into the earth" in order to bear the fruit of multiplication? Is any of that possible while a grain of wheat remains on the stalk?

How does this metaphor relate to what Jesus is about to go through?

What implications does Jesus make for his own followers? How would you feel if you were one of Jesus' followers hearing this?



RESPOND

Go and do

In our passage for this week the grain image makes sense. If a seed is going to multiply, it can't stay on the stalk. It must die to itself (be planted in the ground) to produce more seeds. Jesus knew that his death would bring about the spreading of the kingdom of God through his disciples. And in the same way, the gospel on our campus will spread only if seeds are planted to bring about that multiplication. That planting happens through us. As we die to ourselves - our comfort, our wants and desires - and use our time and resources to love people, the gospel spreads. Christian revivals don't exist without believers choosing to die to themselves as Jesus did. Jesus said that "Whoever serves me must follow me; and where I am, my servant also will be." So, the question for us as followers of Jesus is always, "where is Jesus calling us to follow him"?

This week we want to encourage you to be more intentional about reaching a corner of your campus. It could be a team you're on, a group of friends you hang out with, or a study group you are part of. Or maybe, the Lord is calling you to reach a group of people that is radically different from you. Throughout history followers of Jesus have taken risks to minister in new places and to people who didn't look like them, speak their language, or who had different beliefs than they did. Let's spend time today asking the Lord if there are open doors in one of these places on your campus to start a prayer group or bible study. Maybe you've been intentional about praying with your friends already, and maybe some of them have already come to bible study. Take a moment to imagine what your campus would look like if there were bible studies and prayer circles in every corner. If revival is coming to your campus, could it start with people like you?



Over the last several weeks we've learned to be generous, share our testimonies, pray for people, practice spiritual seeing, and share the gospel. You have been taking risks for the Lord. Let's take a minute to pray and listen, asking God to show us where he's calling us to follow him.

As we pray and listen, you may have a specific place come to mind (a dorm, a department, a neighborhood, a coffee shop) or you may have a group of people come to mind (your soccer team, your sorority sisters, specific classmates or friends). Maybe the Lord is inviting you to minister cross-culturally. Remember, Jesus is already present and active in each of those places and in the lives of those people. As his followers, we are invited to join him! If you feel like Jesus is inviting you to follow him to a specific place or people, then take time this week to be present in that place and to pray for those people.

Take the next 30 minutes to pray together and practice spiritual vision for your campus. If it's helpful, use the following questions to guide you:

- Where have you seen Jesus at work on your campus?
- How have people responded to your invitations?
- Are there people in those places you can partner with to start something new?

How is Jesus inviting you to follow him in these places? Be specific.



Reflect on what you learned

- What was it like to pray together and ask the Lord to show you where to go?
- Did you recognize Jesus calling you to follow him to a specific place or people?
- As you think about reaching a new corner on your campus, what excites you?
How do you feel challenged?

