



## Neighborhood Group Notes, Week of 9.27.20 – Our Mission

Welcome! Take a few minutes for everyone to share their name, and answer this question: What is currently frustrating you, and why?

*Open in prayer.*

Building friendships with each other includes sharing our “Jesus story,” the story of how we said “yes” to Him. This week, 1-2 people will share their Jesus story, and over the next weeks, everyone will have that opportunity. Take 3-5 minutes to share your story along these lines:

- A snapshot of what life was like before you said “yes” to Jesus
- How you said “yes” to Jesus
- How Jesus has made a difference in your life since that time

If you have not yet said “yes” to Jesus, then you can share the story of how you became interested enough in Him to join this group.

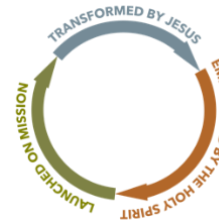
*Pray around what you have heard in each other’s stories, and for opportunities to share your stories with others who have not yet said “yes” to Jesus. Identify who will share their story next week.*

At Neighborhood Church we have developed a mission statement which is directly connected back to what Jesus commanded His disciples to do.

- Do you think it is important to know the mission of the church? Explain why or why not.

Read Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8

- From these verses how would you explain the mission Jesus has given us?



At Neighborhood Church we articulate the mission of Jesus in this way, “*Seeing people transformed by Jesus, empowered by the Holy Spirit and launched on mission.*”

- How do you see this connected to Jesus’ mission?
- When you think of this mission as cyclical, what comes to mind?

### The first phrase is “transformed by Jesus.”

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17

- When we say yes to Jesus for the first time, what changes? What doesn’t change?
- Share a way that you have seen yourself or someone else transformed by Jesus.

### The second phrase is “empowered by the Holy Spirit.”

Read John 26:7-11, Acts 1:8, and Galatians 5:22-23

- What does the empowerment of the Holy Spirit look like?
- How have you experienced God’s empowerment in your life?

### The third phrase is “launched on mission.”

- In your own words articulate the mission of God and how you are meant to be a part of it.
- What excites you most about God’s mission?
- What is the greatest challenge to live this out?

*Pray for God to help us live out his mission in the empowerment of the Holy Spirit.*