



## WEEK 4

### Here to Serve: The Mission on Our Doorstep\*

#### How Did it Go?

Over last week, did you . . . .

- Discuss financial matters with your family and the importance of generosity?
- Ask a neighbor or friend to join you for Alpha? Pray for Alpha?
- Complete your stewardship commitment for FPC?
- Join the Local Partner Field Trip to Nehemiah Center on September 22?
- Pray that FPC will be wise and generous as it supports Jesus' work across the world?

If you didn't implement something from last week, what could you do differently this week so that you can?

#### Read

Read these verses out loud: Acts 1:8; Acts 2:5-12; Genesis 1:1-2 (NIV); John 14:15-17.

#### Discuss

##### HEAD (10–15 minutes)

1. How would you phrase these passages in your own words? What stands out to you?
2. In John 14 the Holy Spirit is described as Counselor. In what ways has the Holy Spirit been a Counselor to you?
3. Acts 1:8 connects the role of the Holy Spirit with evangelism. What is your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaritan, and the ends of the earth?

##### HEART (15–20 minutes)

1. Where are you naturally drawn to witness to Christ: in your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, or the ends of the earth?
2. Where might God be asking you to witness that feels less comfortable and less familiar?

## HANDS (10 minutes)

Brainstorm ways that you can reflect the love of God and draw people to Jesus today.  
Here are some possibilities:

1. **Your family** - Talk with your family about ideas for Project Flourish and consider volunteering for it or observing parts of it as a family.
2. **Your community** - While Alpha starts this week, October 6, it is not too late to ask a neighbor or a friend who is curious about your faith to join you for Alpha on Thursday evenings at 7pm with dinner. Alpha is a listening community designed to help participants explore questions about faith in a non-judging space. Everyone is welcome in this safe discussion space. For more information contact Assistant Pastor of Outreach, Emmanuel Paulpeter at [epaulpeter@fpchouston.org](mailto:epaulpeter@fpchouston.org).
  - a. Pray for our church to invite their non-Christian or Christian-but-searching friends to Alpha.
  - b. Pray for skeptics and seekers who come to the movie group, Ted Talk group, and Taco group to be willing to try Alpha.
  - c. Pray for this Alpha to be a space where we will have at least ten beginnings of people's journey of faith towards the love of Jesus.
3. **Your church** - Attend the Project Flourish All-Church Sunday School on October 2. Volunteer to help with some part of Project Flourish. For more information follow this link <https://fpchouston.org/ministries/project-flourish/> or contact Director of Outreach Programs, Lyndsey Knight at [lknight@fpchouston.org](mailto:lknight@fpchouston.org).
4. **Your city** - Plan to join the one-hour Local Partner Field Trip on October 27 (Restoring Justice), November 17 (Open Door Mission), or January 26 (Houston Welcomes Refugees). Visit this link to register for these and other local service opportunities that fit individuals, families, and groups: <https://fpchouston.org/serve/ways-to-serve/upcoming-opportunities/>.
5. **The world** - Pray that FPC will continue to reach out to the world within Houston as the most diverse city in the nation, and that we would all respond to the opportunities God has given us to reach the nations from right here in Houston.

\*For more information about Project Flourish, follow this link:

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