

LEVERAGE YOUR LIFE

ENGAGE YOUR CITY

BIG IDEA: The gospel changes families, lives, and communities.

DATE: Wednesday, May 13 and Sunday, May 17, 2026

SCRIPTURE: Luke 4:43; Jonah 4:10-11; Luke 19:41

CONNECT

Where is your favorite place to spend an afternoon in our city? Why? What are three words that describe Jacksonville/PV?

WATCH THE VIDEO

What stood out to you from today's video teaching?

SCRIPTURE

Luke 4:43 (CSB)

But he [Jesus] said to them, "It is necessary for me to proclaim the good news about the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because I was sent for this purpose."

Jonah 4:10-11 (CSB)

¹⁰ And the LORD said, "You cared about the plant, which you did not labor over and did not grow. It appeared in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ So may I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?"

Luke 19:41 (CSB)

As he [Jesus] approached and saw the city [Jerusalem], he wept for it...

DISCUSSION

READ: LUKE 4:43

Have you ever thought of yourself as a missionary to Jacksonville/PV? How does seeing yourself as a missionary change the way you approach each day, each encounter you have?

When we begin to think “city” and not just “church” we know the Kingdom of God is growing in a city. Missionaries build bridges and use strategies to reach the city. What are some ways Chets does this?

How often do you look for things in Jesus that are not in you? How can reading the Gospels help you grow in Christlikeness as we engage our city?

READ JONAH 4:10-11

Why did Jonah care more about the plant than the city? What was God teaching Jonah?

Where do you see evidence of lostness in our city – specific ways in which our city reveals its need for the gospel? How can we strategize to impact the lostness of our city?

How can we serve our city? How can we build relational bridges to share the gospel? How can we shift from a “you come to us” to a “we go to the city” strategy?

Consider the neighborhoods, businesses, and communities in our city. In what practical ways can we think micro about the places where live, work and play to reach the macro goal of engaging our city?

TO REVIEW: Over the course of this study, we have examined how to leverage our lives for the sake of God’s mission and five kingdom priorities that help us to do so.

- Seek first the kingdom
- Deepen devotion
- Stick together
- Think multiplication
- Engage your city

If we align our lives with these values, we will allow Christ in us to begin to live through us in a way that will leverage our lives for the sake of His glory. *What have you learned about these five kingdom priorities over the course of this study?*

READ: LUKE 19:41 as you go into the Prayer Response.

PRAYER RESPONSE

When we seek God in prayer, He moves in power. Have you ever wept for your city? We can be quick to criticize our city but not weep over its lostness. Jesus grieves over lostness. The beautiful truth is that the gospel changes cities and God uses His followers to impact the lostness in our cities. Pray over your city – neighborhoods, schools, sports leagues and places of work and play. Pray for God to give us passion to impact the lostness in our city. Be open to how God has uniquely positioned you to leverage your life for the sake of the gospel!

Engaging our city isn’t just about getting more people to go to church. It means that the city becomes a better place to live because Jesus wants to transform and redeem that community. The city begins to change because of the movement of God in that city.