

RECAP

How were you able to practice generosity this week?

How did you experience God as you practiced it?

IDEA 1

If you are a follower of Christ you live with dual citizenship—you live as a citizen here on earth while also being a citizen of the Kingdom of Heaven. This reality has implications for how we are to live and function and how we relate to our world and our city. We are part of this world and yet Jesus says we are not of this world.

- How would you describe what it means to be a dual citizen?
- What parts of dual citizenship are challenging? How have you experienced the tension?
- How does Jesus' teaching in this passage help clarify what the day to day living out of this dual citizenship could look like?

IDEA 2

- How have you seen Jesus be the unifying factor?
- What does promoting peace look like in your life?
- How can we as a church help bring God's peace to our city?

SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

With your group, make a list of all the those places you have influence: home, neighborhood, schools, family, friend, work, etc. Be specific.

Next, share what bringing peace could look like in those places.

Take time to pray peace over each sphere of influence together.

NEXT STEPS

We don't run from the dark corners of our city. Instead, we move in, invite in, and engage because we believe that we get to be the peace, presence, and power of Jesus in there here and now. We realize full well things might not get better— and that doesn't stop our engagement—because we are God's image bearers and with that we live as dual citizens and we sit in the reality that one day He will return and all will be made right.

Brainstorm with your group one practical way you can be the peace, presence, and power of Jesus in your spheres of influence this week.

(This could be one of the ideas you wrote down during the spiritual practice.)

Make a plan to implement the step and prayerfully follow through.