

The Insider-Chapters 4 & 5

1. During the past week have you been praying for your “one person?” If not, why? If so, have you noticed any change in your heart or in your relationship with that person?

2. A. Describe the plan God is unfolding throughout history.
B. What is the role of the insider in this plan? What’s a verse that helps remind you of your role?

3. A. Where has God naturally positioned you as an Insider?
B. Read Acts 17:26-27.
C. Who is the “one man” from whom God made every nation?
D. According to this verse, why do you live where you do? Work where you do?
E. How does this change the way you view your neighbors and co-workers?

4. “...Jesus was making the point that, for now, the place for the children of the kingdom (the good seed) is in the world, right alongside the sons of the evil one. We are to live kingdomly in the midst of this lost world.” (58)
How have you lived kingdomly *in the midst of the lost* in the past week?

5. A. Read 1 Peter 2:9. Have you ever thought of yourself as being a priest or minister?
B. Since God views you as a priest, what are your priestly duties and how are you fulfilling them?
C. Read Malachi 2:7
1 Corinthians 4:1-2
2 Timothy 2:15
2 Timothy 3:16-17

6. Compile a list of the ways Paul called local believers to live kingdom lives. (Divide into 4 groups, each looking at one of the following) Phil. 2:14-16, Romans 12:14-21, 1 Cor. 5:9-13, and Col. 4:2-6

7. A. What are some proactive ways you can embrace your call as priest this week?
B. How can you live kingdomly in the midst of the lost?

8. What ONE action step will you take this week to align yourself with the plan God has for your life? Ask the person next to you to hold you accountable by asking you about it next Monday. If you can't think of anything, make that your action step.

For Further Study/If Time:

*How does the priesthood of all encourage health and balance in our church communities?

*What obstacles do you face in becoming a fruitful insider? What obstacles did the early church work through? How did they do it?