**Talking Jesus – week 3 ‘Living Distinctively’**

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* Where have you been able to ‘shine light’ or be ‘salt’ to the people around you?

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* Who are those around you (family or friends) who see you as an ambassador for Jesus (and so watch your life carefully)?
* What does living distinctively look like for you? Have people ever noticed that you behave differently because you are a Christian?
* What does that look like in your workplace or social community? Is it positive or negative?
* Many Christians spend most of their free time with Christian friends. What could you do to be more intentional about meeting people who are not yet Christians? If you use social media, could you tell your story online? (Remember be yourself and be brief …that’s under 3 minutes).
* How are you doing with the challenge to pray for 5 people who are not Christians? As Osien says, when we pray, God changes our hearts and prepares the hearts of those for whom we are praying.

**Response:** What one thing could you do for the 5 people on your prayer list this week? Be intentional about living distinctively and look for ways to share your faith naturally, sensitively and appropriately.

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