



Living THE Mission

WEEK 2 / FEBRUARY 14, 2017

★ DEVOTIONAL ★

READ MARK 9:14-29

When following Christ, formation is part of the territory. Formational practices, like spending time in prayer or reading your Bible, are ways to deepen your connection with God and stoke the fire of the mission of God in your life. These practices, as small as they might seem, are practices that shape the way you think and live; they are a way to partner with Christ on mission to the neighborhood. Formation is not something that happens one day a week, but is occurring constantly, and this is one of the ways that PazNaz can seek to *know Christ and join him on mission in our local and global neighborhoods.*

There are a variety of formative practices that you engage in; in fact, everything you do is formative in some way. But some practices help form you for the mission of God better than others. As PazNaz becomes more formed to the mission of God, through practices of prayer, Scripture-reading, meal-sharing, and worship-singing, PazNaz will be able to embody more deeply and naturally this mission. Ultimately, as PazNaz seeks to be a church on mission, your formation matters. Your discipline, engagement, and prayers matter, because PazNaz gets to participate in the redemption of all of creation, and this can only be done through formation.

★ ACTIVITY ★

- Take a walk through your neighborhood or your workplace. As you walk, ask Jesus what his vision for the neighborhood is, and pray that you can see the people and places through his eyes.
- One day, go out of your way to eat a meal in a place where there are others around. While you are eating, open your Bible and reflect on the missional nature of Jesus from one (or all) of the following passages: Luke 4:14-30; Luke 7:1-10; Luke 7:18-23; Luke 7:36-50; and Luke 11:1-13.
- Make a commitment with someone from the PazNaz community to get together once a week during the next five weeks. Plan to spend your time discussing the following question: *Where are you seeing God move and work in the ordinary spaces of life?*