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Jesus took His disciples with Him. Everywhere they went, they learned something new, interacted with people, and experienced His power and His love. He showed His disciples what it meant to be proclaimers and demonstrators of the Kingdom. These were the things I began to notice over the past few months as I spent time with the Lord asking Him, “Where do we begin? There are so many needs and ways to disciple a church body, but what’s Your best for us?”

I started thinking about our city and wondering what it meant for us to tell people, “The Kingdom of God is near!” So instead of doing what felt comfortable--pulling people into a classroom setting and teaching them how to share their faith and things like that (which are good things...)--the Lord asked me to invite others in the Status community to step out of our building and into our city to live out our faith together.

The first Tuesday in June, we gathered on top of a parking garage in downtown Orlando. (The use of which was gifted to us by another church in town. They were excited about the discipleship vision God gave

us for the summer--I love seeing the way God unifies His Church!!). **Go Forth began!** The next few weeks were spent asking God to give us His eyes to see what He was *already* accomplishing in our city, inviting Him to show us what it meant to bring the Kingdom to the people of Orlando, and asking the Spirit to give us ears to hear what the Lord was telling us to do and obey Him in those things.

With only two weeks left of our series, I can’t help but express gratitude for the things God has been doing. Each week, we’ve had between 80-100 people from Status gather together and head out to practice what God has called us to do. We’ve had the chance to listen to the stories of people in our city--we’ve tabled our agendas and asked the Lord to help us to see where He’s already at work in their lives. We’ve moved towards people and stood in the gap for them in prayer. God has shown us areas of the city that are in need of spiritual revival. We’ve taken time to be present in those places and have prayed that God would make Himself known there; and, we’ve asked the Lord, “How would You desire for us

to continue to invest in those places that are in need?”

The same night we focused on interceding for the city, one of our church elders, David, shared this story: “Our house church was down by the lake and while we prayed, I turned around to see my mother moving towards the people behind us in the park. She was asking each one how she could pray for them, and as they allowed, she’d lay hands on them and pray for them right there.” He went on to say that he was so challenged by the reality that his mom would have such courage and love to move into direct contact with people while he and the others in their group stayed at a distance praying. It was such a strong picture of how God was bringing spiritual growth in the midst of our stepping out in faith!

There’s so much I could share, but I pray that tidbit encourages you today. I can’t wait to see what God has in store over the next two weeks!

So glad that we’re in this together!

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As many of you know, I was seeking to raise additional financial support to help with the shortfall I’ve been experiencing in this transition to Status. My goal was to raise \$5,000 by July 1st. God is faithful and through your generosity has provided \$1,200. Thank you so much for your continued prayers and support! I’m grateful for you!

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