

musings in ministry

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Modeling What We Teach

Last year, I lived in the heart of the city. I loved it. I walked everywhere, made friends with people who lived and worked in the neighborhood, and just felt so at home. The one drawback to where my house was located was a restaurant, less than a block away, that had loud music and regularly unruly patrons. I had such a grumbling spirit about this particular place. Imagine my surprise when I met the owner early this year and learned of his strong faith in Jesus and the impact God was allowing him to have in the lives of those same customers!

Isn't it just like the Lord to surprise us like that? I met the owner in February after being invited into a community of likeminded believers who felt led to begin praying for area businesses.

Having a desire to tangibly bless them and those who come through their doors, our team has been thrilled to go into different establishments in the city and see God work in powerful ways as we pray for them--we've seen Him answer prayers and bring people to faith in Jesus!

Months ago, as God began leading me in this transition to a new ministry context, I prayed specifically for more open doors to advance the Gospel here in Orlando. I hoped that by living this out in my own life, the people of Status might see the ways He desired to employ who He made them to be to help people in our city know Him.



Engaging with the men and women who are part of this prayer movement has been such a blessing, as well. And, just two weeks ago, this very same restaurant owner asked me if I would consider leading a morning Bible study for his employees at the original location--down the street from my old house! I couldn't believe it...

Not only that, but weeks before at Status, our Leadership Team had the chance to revisit the reality that our smaller communities impact the larger community with the small group leaders (pictured above). I was really encouraged to hear how each individual envisioned God moving in and through their groups to make an impact for His Kingdom. As a church we've been talking a lot recently about sharing our faith in

Christ and seeing lives transformed. As I've thought about all of this, I'm so humbled that God would allow me the privilege to invest in the city and model what we've been communicating to our leaders by facilitating this Bible study! God is so good.

Please join me in prayer--I begin this Bible study on Wednesday at 9 AM (April 4th) and we'll start in the Gospel of John. I'm excited to see what God has in store and how Jesus will make Himself known to those who come. How awesome!

Please also continue to pray for me as I take steps forward with the Lord in my new role. I am experiencing some grief in the transition process. It's so good to step into what He has for me and I'm very grateful to be at Status.

I see so clearly how He continues to order my steps for ministry here!

Thank you so much for your continued prayers and financial partnership! I truly cannot do any of this without you!!

So glad that we're in this together!

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I transition to

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