

Change Boston & Beyond

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What do you see?

Take a moment right now and look up from this email/letter. What do you see? Who's in your path at this exact moment? Take a moment and pray for them. Then come back and read the rest of the letter.

How did it go? **What do you see?**

You're now doing the same thing I've been doing with a group of guys every day for the last few weeks. We've been reading a great book together by Heather and Ashley Holleman called "Sent: Living a Life That Invites Others to Jesus". The Hollemans look at John 4:35: "Look, I tell you, lift up your eyes and see that the fields are white for



Justus and I at a Red Sox game. Justus has been opening his eyes to see students who need Jesus.

harvest." Jesus was training His disciples—and us— to look up and see those around them the same way He sees them. He sees them as men and women of infinite value, created by God to know him, and more likely to respond to Jesus than we typically believe.

So I've been sending a text message to the guys at a random time each day. "Hey guys, take a moment... look up... what do you see? pray and then report back."

What we're trying to cultivate is a new habit of noticing people like Jesus notices them. Here's the texts I've been getting:

Justus: "Looking at a tour group on campus: wow - others want to be here."

Luke: "I have a long list of people I see everywhere I go. I've seen them for years. I have no idea who they are. Praying."

Phillip: "I see a study group rehearsing for their Japanese conversation test. I'm praying for success in

their language exams."

Luke: "I see a freshman who came to Cru once in September and I haven't seen him since. I pray that God will help him find his way to good community (whether Cru or another group)"

Matt: "I see two roommates, one still asleep, the other getting ready for morning training. I pray for rest and recovery for one and safety and a good workout for the other."

Zach: "Sorry... hectic day and lowkey just saw this message because my phone has been silenced all day but I'll do this in the dining hall tomorrow morning before class and let you know."

In our small group a week ago, Matt said: "it was good to look outside me. And then it was good to keep looking. You see more if you look a little longer." There's a lot of wisdom there.

What about you? **What do you see?**

Loving our adventurous Lord,

Would you pray:

- For Justus, Luke, Phillip, Matt, and Zack to keep looking up to see the world white for harvest.
- For the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field



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