



HOSPITALITY: BEARING WITNESS

Bearing Witness Practice Lab Week 3 - Bearing Witness in Word

Creation How or when have you sensed the goodness and beauty of being made in the image of God? How have you found belonging, love/acceptance, or significance in God's Kingdom?	
Disruption When did you become aware to the need for redemption from the ways that sin and brokenness have fractured your relationship with God, self, others, and creation? In what ways have you constructed your own Kingdom and rejected God's?	
Redemption Share about a time when you experienced God's redemptive grace in a personal way. How did Jesus meet you in your brokenness or pain offering forgiveness and a new citizenship in his Kingdom?	
Renewal How has Jesus been bringing about healing, transformation, and wholeness in you and through you? How are you living into the reality of the Kingdom of God here-and-now?	



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Take Home Exercise

Read back through the story you wrote out on the front side of this card and spend a few moments in gratitude and praise for God's work in your life - for rescuing you from the dominion of darkness and bringing you into the kingdom of the Son he loves (Colossians 1:13).

Revisit the names of people that may have come to mind in week 1 (noticing and curiosity) exercise, and the week 2 (asset mapping) exercise. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide you as you take one small step to intentionally get to know one person from that list of names better through table welcome - simply inviting them out to coffee or over for a meal.

Remember the three postures of bearing witness as you gradually grow this relationship: personal, presence, patience. Focus on being attentive to the person in front of you as you share life together, rather than steering or forcing the conversation in a particular direction. Be curious about their story and open to sharing your own story with them when the Holy Spirit provides the opportunity. Ask God for wisdom, discernment, and boldness about who to share your story with and when to share.