

2. Walking Home With Jesus (Mark 2)

We can enjoy Jesus' presence in our homes and so can our neighbors.

Enjoying Jesus' Presence At Home (Mrs. Peter's house)

- To enjoy Jesus' presence in your home means to accept it as an absolute fact.
- To enjoy Jesus' presence in your home means giving Him permission to make it His own.

The Neighbors Enjoy Jesus' Presence (Mrs. Levi's house)

Jesus Lives Where I Live; My Neighbors Are His Neighbors

Homes were significant to Jesus' ministry on earth.

- In homes He taught and had discussions with His disciples. (*Mark 7:17; 9:33; 10:10*).
- In homes, He ate with those who loved Him as well as with those who were skeptical of Him. (*Luke 7:36-47, 14:1*)
- In homes, women, like you and I, sat at His feet, listening to Him teach and tearfully pouring out their hearts to Him.

To Think like Jesus

- Accept as fact that He lives where you live. Your neighborhood is His, also.
- Know who are your "street neighbors" and "work neighbors."

To Feel Like Jesus

- Long for them to enjoy His presence.
- Pray for them.
- Desire to get to know their needs.

To Act Like Jesus

- Plan ways to interact with them.
- Pay attention to expressed needs.
- Pursue opportunities to build relationships.

Relationships determine what we believe. We are talked into talking; we are loved into loving; we are related into believing. (Josh MacDowell)

You can impress people at a distance; you can only impact them up close. The general principle is this, the closer the personal relationship, the greater the potential for impact. (Howard Hendricks)