

## Where is My Mission Field?

It might be your neighborhood. It might be your apartment complex. It might be somewhere at work, or at the gym, or at the store, or at the restaurant.

Do you know where your mission field is located?

In their book ***Next Door As It Is In Heaven***, Brad Brisco and Lance Ford make the strong case for reclaiming the idea of personal mission (A great read, by the way; I highly recommend it!). By “personal mission,” the premise is that every person who is following Christ will have people in their respective worlds who are not believers, who need to hear the Good News of Jesus, who have been divinely in our worlds for us to share the Light of the world with them.

It’s a given that telling others about Jesus is **our** responsibility; no one is exempt. But after generations of insulating itself from those in the world who need Christ, many in the church find themselves not knowing where to start or where to look, because they think they don’t know anyone who doesn’t believe in Christ.

That is where Brisco and Ford are so helpful. They submit in their book that there are three primary areas in our respective worlds where we can start looking for people who don’t know Jesus. Those three areas are: 1) Our neighbors; 2) Our co-workers or classmates; and 3) Our third place—where we live, where we hang out, where we do business. That could be the gym, the store, the restaurant, the park, or somewhere along that line.

Take a moment right now, and take inventory for yourself. Do you know your neighbors? What are their names? What about your co-workers or classmates? What are their stories? What about that server at your favorite restaurant? Or that clerk at the store? What about the barista at the coffee shop? How many people can you identify: one? Three? Five?

Do you think this might be something your group might benefit? I’ll have the next installment next week on where we go from here.