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Please answer one of the following three questions.

1. Where have you seen Jesus active in at least one of our growth environments?

I have seen Jesus in my everyday community when He gives me chances to be helpful in practical ways, and when people then know that a Jesus follower is helping them. In my church home, Jesus creates moments of fellowship both with new people that I've never met before, and with people whom I've known for years. In my discipling relationship, Jesus challenges me with wise words from friends.

2. How have you seen our mission statement lived out in your life?

I ask about the lives of people in my neighborhood. I listen to their stories, and try to remember those stories the next time I see them. I ask follow-up questions. They know that I am a Jesus follower, and they know that I don't ignore them.

3. Tell a story of how you have experienced one of our core values.

I was briefly hospitalized in November 2019, and I was moved by how people in our congregation supported my wife and me during that time. Gestures of caring, small or large, help build a sense of community and make God's love tangible. I hope that I can help our church continue to show caring, and help explore new and more ways of caring.