



RESEARCH JUDEA INFORMATION, NEEDS, AND NEWS

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PURPOSE:



Research the places and population closest to where we worship.

What is the story of this street? Who lives and works here? What are the specific locations here? As we prepare to further engage with the people and places in our Judea, let's discover its history and the activity that's going on right now.

We are not the first ones to think about our street and neighborhood. This Sunday, we will be taking time to research information about the place where we are. We can research in many ways; personal interviews with local leaders, reading news articles, or finding pre-existing neighborhood surveys. This mission play will be walking through a discovery process through using online resources. If internet access is not available for your congregation, consider preparing printed resources or welcoming a local leader to interview as a substitute.

SETUP:



This exercise can be done in groups of various numbers. Depending on the setup of your space and how people can move around, decide the number you would like the groups to be. They should be small enough for every person to have an opportunity to contribute, but big enough for diverse perspectives. Ideally, 3-6 is recommended.

Recommended:

- Use a slide with the research questions to remind everyone about the focus for today.

Optional:

- Use a countdown slide for groups to know how much time remains for each section.

INSTRUCTIONS:

🟡 Organize Members 🟠 Leader Instructs 🟢 Members Practice 🟣 Reflect and Report



1

Have everyone stand and make groups of the decided number.



2

In less than one minute, talk about God's heart for our "Judea." You can use The Activation Starter Kit, scripture, or personal examples to help explain our Judea.



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3

Explain that each group will be researching information about the places and population of our most immediate local area. The goal will be to gain a greater understanding of the following three questions:

- What is the story of this area?
- What are the demographics of this area?
- What specific locations are here?



4

Before starting the research, give each group 2 minutes to pray for their Judea.



5

Groups take 2 minutes to pray.



6

Encourage everyone to use online resources like local websites, government sites, social media groups, and local news outlets for their research. Let them know they will have 10 minutes.



7

Have each group identify one person who can write down and compile the findings of the group.



8

Groups take 10 minutes to research.



9

Ask the person from each group who is responsible for compiling the findings to send their discoveries to their group members and church leadership.



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Close by encouraging everyone to pray this week over the people and places discovered in their research. The Lord may have future purposes in what we discovered this week.



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LEADERSHIP REFLECTIONS:

- ❓ As you look at the congregation's findings about Judea, what observations do you notice about your local area?
- ❓ Are there any next steps that God is highlighting for you to lead the church to pray about or serve in a particular way?