

Listening Guide
“Changing Memphis”
Featuring Missionaries Willie and Ozzie Jacobs

Willie and Ozzie Jacobs serve as North American missionaries in Memphis and the surrounding Delta of the Mid-South, where they are using new approaches to share the gospel.

Fill in the blanks as you watch this video segment.

1. Memphis and the surrounding Delta of the Mid-South are known, among other things, for their place in the history of _____ and the history of _____.
2. North American missionaries Willie and Ozzie Jacobs want the area to be known as a shining example of _____ no matter who they are or where they live.
3. When lives are changed through Jesus Christ, the _____ of a city can be changed.
4. One ministry the couple works with is _____ Baptist Church.
5. This church meets in a converted double-wide _____ and three _____.
6. The apartments, donated by the complex, have been turned into a center of _____. For example, children who live in the apartments often go to one of the apartments for help with their _____.
7. The Jacobs help this ministry as they help discover _____, such as mission teams, to help expand the outreach.
8. Another ministry with which the Jacobs work is called _____ Ministries.
9. This particular ministry helps those who are struggling as it gives away _____ and runs a _____ store.
10. Sharing Christ means _____ people.
11. They need to help people the mindset of how _____ is done and learn _____ to reach people with the gospel.
12. In downtown Memphis, International Baptist Church is _____ relationships with people whom many churches tend to ignore or avoid.

13. With limited resources, this church must depend on other churches and believers to _____ what they are doing.
14. The Jacobs believed at one time that they might be called to serve in an international field, but now they believe that God has brought the _____ to them.

Questions for Thought and Discussion:

1. How do you think the culture of Memphis and the surrounding Delta of the Mid-South influences the types of ministries that the Jacobs will try as they seek to reach people with the gospel of Jesus Christ? How can reaching individuals for Jesus Christ help change the culture of a city?
2. Why do you think it is important for believers to meet people at their point of need, such as helping with homework or providing groceries, as the gospel is shared?
3. Is it sufficient to share Christ with actions alone, such as providing food or other essentials, or do you believe an oral witness is also necessary? Why?
4. How did your perceptions of those who are needy change as a result of viewing this video?
5. God called the Jacobs to minister to those in need in Memphis and surrounding areas. How is God calling you specifically to support their ministry?
6. Is God calling you in any particular way to reach needy people in your community? How will you answer that call?

Prayer Points:

1. Pray for Willie and Ozzie Jacobs as they minister to those in need in Memphis and surrounding areas. Pray that God will strengthen and encourage them in their task. Pray that they will be sensitive and obedient to God's leadership as He leads them into new areas of ministry.
2. Pray for those to whom the Jacobs minister, that they will be receptive to the gospel as it is shared with both words and deeds.
3. Pray for those who are the Jacobs' partners in the ministry, that they will help meet resource needs of this couple who are ministering in sometimes dire circumstances.

4. Pray that financial giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be sacrificial so that many missionaries throughout North America will be able to share the gospel of Jesus Christ unencumbered by financial cares.