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The Stability of the Kingdom

Matthew 10:16-33

- 1) James likened the Matthew 10:16-33 to a storied advertisement from 1914, “Men wanted for hazardous journey, small wages, bitter cold, long months of complete darkness, constant danger, safe return doubtful, honor and recognition in case of success.” What’s your response to straightforward expectations conveyed by this ad and by Jesus in this text?

- 2) How does Jesus clarifying the expectations we should have of the world, ourselves, one another and God, impact you? Is it encouraging or discouraging? Is it intimidating or exhilarating? How does it affect your discipleship?

- 3) What new or helpful insight do you gain as it relates to what you expect in these three areas highlighted?

- 4) Jesus is emphatic calling us not to fear. What is it you most fear about going all in with Jesus? And how do Jesus words address those fears?