



LET THE WHOLE WORLD KNOW

COMMUNITY GROUP Discussion Guide

"TIMING IS EVERYTHING"

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:13-16 | Matthew 7:6 | Matthew 10:1-20 | Mark 4:1-20

TOWARD JESUS *...learning to be like Him*

1. Jesus calls those who follow Him "salt" and "light." He doesn't say "you're people who know the truth." Is that an important distinction? Why or why not?
2. What are your "good works" meant to be?
 - a. Is it okay to strive to have good works?
3. When you think about someone whose life made Jesus more believable or beautiful to you, what was it about them that stood out?
4. What's the difference between a "good person" and someone who points people to Jesus?

| Having a "Christian witness" starts with what Jesus has already done in you. Are you creating a clever sales pitch? No, we learn to live as people who have freely received, and therefore freely give.

- What has Jesus freely given you that you would genuinely want someone else to experience?

TOWARD MATURITY *...being formed by Him*

1. Jesus' teaching could possibly paint an uncomfortable reality: faithful witnesses won't always be welcomed. How does it feel to learn that your "success" isn't judged by the results of your efforts, rather your obedience?
2. Why are we tempted to measure evangelistic efforts by someone's response rather than our obedience?
3. Jesus tells His disciples to be both "wise as serpents and innocent as doves." What would this look like when talking about faith with someone who isn't interested or doesn't seem ready?

| In one of Jesus' parables, the farmer scatters seed, but he can't control the soil. Some seed disappears, some germinates and dies, and some eventually produce a harvest.

- How might thinking of yourself as a seed-sower change the pressure you feel to "get results?" How is this different than the world's way?

TOWARD ANOTHER ...and teaching others to do the same

1. An opportunity to witness usually begins long before someone asks us a theological question. This means you get to start to what...?
2. Who is one person already in your life that God may be putting on your heart and mind to notice and possibly love more intentionally?
3. What might it look like to make Jesus visible to that person, this week, without a forced spiritual conversation?
 - a. What would you do if it ended up that way?

| Sometimes our next faithful step is simply living differently enough and loving well enough that a question eventually becomes natural.

- What's a concrete step that you can take this week to not force something, but set the stage?

PRAYER

- **UP** | For God to make the Good News visible in the life we live, words we speak, and how we listen.
- **IN** | For each other, for discernment, courage, patience, and open doors.
- **OUT** | That our church would be known not for only having something to say about Jesus, but as people who make a life *with Him* contagious.