Small Group Discussion Questions

SENT: Faithful Witness - Sowers

(Mark 4:1-20)

Read Mark 4:1–20 together.

1. **When you hear the word evangelism, what feelings or expectations come to mind?**
    - **a.** How has the SENT series challenged or reshaped your understanding of sharing your faith?

2. **In Mark 4:3–8, notice where the seed falls and how the harvest develops.**
    a. What stands out when you focus on the sower's actions?
    b. How does your sermon's emphasis on generosity help you hear this familiar story differently?

3. **Jesus describes different responses to the word in verses 14–20.**
    a. How do these reflect responses to Jesus during his own ministry?
    b. What might this parable have helped his disciples understand about both rejection and the promise of a harvest?

4. **Before applying the soils to other people, consider your own heart.**
    a. What can prevent the word from taking root or bearing fruit in your life?
    b. What helps you hear and receive what Jesus says?

5. **The sermon states, "Jesus didn't limit his love to those who would receive it."**
    - **a.** How do you see this in his life?
    - **b.** What would it look like to love someone generously without making their response to Jesus a condition of your care?

6. **Have you ever assumed someone would be uninterested in Jesus because of their lifestyle, politics, religious background, or attitude toward church?**
    - **a.** How might Jesus' words, "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you" (John 20:21), challenge those assumptions?

7. **Read 1 Corinthians 3:6 alongside Mark 4:14–20.**
    a. What is our responsibility in sharing the gospel, and what must we entrust to God?
    b. How can we remain faithful while respecting someone's freedom to decline a conversation or invitation?

8. **"Scatter generously. Trust God with the harvest."**
    a. As you consider the five images—witnesses, ambassadors, salt and light, heralds, and sowers—what is one concrete step you could take this week to share Jesus through your words, actions, or relationships?
    b. How can the group pray for and support you?