

DESCENDING INTO GREATNESS

“When the Kingdom Doesn’t Come”

1. Review last week’s prayer requests and update each other
2. Review the Big Idea: What did you hear this morning?

Part of the exciting journey of being Jesus’ teammate is the opportunity we have to participate in the activities that He is involved in. That means sharing the message of what Jesus did on the cross with those we come in contact with daily. We can share Christ with a ton of confidence because Jesus not only asks us to do this but equips us to do it as well. For many reasons though, we don’t feel the urgency to tell others and many of us chose to keep the good news of Jesus Christ to ourselves. There are those who are faithfully sharing with those in their lives but seeing absolutely no results...or so it seems. As we are faithful to share what Jesus has done, we aren’t guaranteed to see the results, but that doesn’t mean God isn’t at work! Ultimately it takes a person who is willing and consistent to share the good news about Jesus to connect with a person who is persistently seeking the things of God in order to see the result of someone giving their lives to Christ. Our job in the mean time is to continue to be faithful to share with those around us and pray in faith that God would work on the hearts of those we are sharing with.

GOD’S KINGDOM COMES WHEREVER PEOPLE ARE...

1. SEEKING PERSISTENTLY

“Consider carefully what you hear,” he continued. “With the measure you use, it will be measured to you—and even more. Those who have will be given more; as for those who do not have, even what they have will be taken from them.”

Mark 4:24-25 [TNIV]

How has your hearing been lately? Are you hardened to God? Intimidated? Distracted? Seeking? How can you listen better?

- **Which description of the soils reminds you most of where you are at? Why?**
 - *Path – hard hearted*
 - *Rocks – Intimidated*
 - *Thorns – Distracted*
 - *Good Soil – Seeking*

- ***What would it mean for you to change your attitude towards God to become 'good soil'?***

2. SHARING PATIENTLY

"He said to them, 'Do you bring in a lamp to put it under a bowl or a bed? Instead, don't you put it on its stand? For whatever is hidden is meant to be disclosed, and whatever is concealed is meant to be brought out into the open. If anyone has ears to hear, let them hear.'"

Mark 4:21-23 [TNIV]

What kind of light have you been lately? Are you shining? Are you hiding? How can you shine your light brighter?

- ***How do you feel you are doing at sharing your faith with people these days?***
- ***Why is it that Christians in general are content to not share their faith? What do we need to do to change that?***

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