

Scatter Sharing God's Love in Natural Ways

FCC Life Group Discussion Notes

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Opening Prayer

- Pray for eyes to see lost people as Jesus does, like sheep without a shepherd.
- Ask God to help the members of FCC engage in scattering the seeds of the Gospel everywhere we go in our normal week.

Ice Breaker

Who is one person God used to scatter the seeds of the Gospel (the message and love of Jesus) in your life in a good and natural way and how did this person reflect the heart of Jesus?

Or...

Without using any names, how did a person in your life try to scatter seeds of the Gospel in a way that was awkward or filled with pressure and how might they have done this in a more winsome and gracious way?

Key Scripture

Luke 8:4-8 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. 6 Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.”

When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

Sermon Summary

We can't save people, that is the gracious work of God through Jesus. What we get to do is scatter the seeds of His love, grace, and truth. We get to do this all the time, everywhere we go. God's call is for us to scatter seed, water the seeds, and watch God make things grow. Every follower of Jesus can find simple and natural ways to do this in the flow of a natural and normal day.

Suggested points for prayer is given in each prayer section and are up to the discretion of the leader.

Discussion Point 1: Jesus paints a picture of generous and reckless scattering of the Gospel Scripture: Luke 8:5-7

Point Summary: It is easy to look for the perfect time to share our faith but Jesus calls us to freely scatter wherever we go, all the time, even when the soil does not look ready!

Discussion Questions:

1. Why are we often afraid to talk about Jesus, share His story, or give testimony of God's work in our life?
2. What are situations where you are most cautious and guarded about sharing your faith? How might you open up a little and begin scattering seeds in this place?

Discussion Point 2: We are not smart enough to know if a heart is ready to receive the seeds of the Good News

Point Summary: Sometimes we read this parable as if it is saying, wait to scatter the Good News of Jesus until the soil looks good. This parable seems to be painting a picture of the exact opposite reality. The sower scattered seed on hard ground, in the weeds, and in the rocks. We need to stop analyzing and start scattering.

Discussion Questions:

1. Why do you think we tend to analyze soil (people's lives) rather than just finding ways to scatter the seeds of God's love, grace, and truth?
2. What are the risks of scattering seed when the soil is not ready? What risks do we take if we fail to scatter very much seed because we are always looking for the perfect conditions?

Discussion Point 3: There are many ways to scatter the seed of the Gospel

Point Summary: If we are going to scatter the seed of the Gospel all the time and everywhere we go, we need to find many different ways to do this in the flow of our life. Sharing Jesus is not one size fits all!

Scripture: Matthew 9:35-38 (NIV) – *Ask a group member to read aloud.*

35 Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. 38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

Discussion Questions:

1. What is a specific and impactful way you can scatter the seed of God's Grace by:

- Humbly speaking the truth of what you believe about Jesus?
- Kindly serving others in the name of Jesus?
- Telling a story of God's presence, power, protection or provision in your life?
- Passionately praying for someone who is far from Jesus?
- Appropriately praying with someone in a time of joy or need?
- Telling the story of Jesus and how He has impacted your life?
- In some other way...

Wrap-Up

Jesus paints a picture of a sower who scattered seed with wild and reckless generosity. The sower is you. The seed is the Good News of the Gospel. Let's stop analyzing every person and situation and waiting for the perfect time to toss one seed. Instead, let's commit to thoughtfully, gently, and boldly scatter the Gospel of our Savior all the time and everywhere we go. Then, we can watch and see what only God can do...change lives for eternity.

Challenge

This week, think of three people you love who are not following Jesus. Find one way (probably different for each person) to scatter the seeds of God's love, truth, and grace with each of them. Then, pray for God to draw each of these people closer to His heart.

Closing Prayer

- Pray that each seed you and others scatter will take root.
- Thank God for His amazing grace and pray that many others would discover the greatness of God's love.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you see many new opportunities to scatter the seeds of God's Good News!