

2026-09-09 Discussion Questions

The sermon describes faith not just as belief but as belief that moves us to action -- in what areas of your life do you find the gap between believing in God and actually trusting him wide enough to hold you back from what he is calling you to do?

Jesus told his disciples to take nothing for the journey, trusting God to provide everything they needed -- what would it look like practically for you to step out in obedience to something God is calling you to without waiting until you feel fully prepared or resourced?

The sermon draws a distinction between going to church and being the church -- how would you honestly assess which one more accurately describes the way you are currently living out your faith?

Mark 6 reveals that Jesus could do few miracles in his hometown because of the people's lack of faith -- are there areas in your life where your unbelief may be limiting what God is able to do in and through you?

The pastor references Matthew 9 where Jesus instructs his disciples to pray for workers before sending them out -- how does the awareness that praying this prayer may result in God calling you to be the answer change the way you approach that prayer?

The sermon contrasts sowing sparingly with sowing generously, drawing on 2 Corinthians 9 -- in what ways, beyond finances, are you sowing sparingly in your relationships, your community, or your service to God, and what might it look like to sow more generously?

The pastor describes American Christianity as something that does not necessarily conform to the teachings of Christ and tends to take only the pieces that are comfortable -- what specific teachings or calls to action from scripture are you most tempted to set aside because they are inconvenient or costly?

Mark Grantham's story illustrates someone who responded to a second chance at physical life by immediately using it to share eternal life with others -- if God gave you an unexpected second chance in some area of your life, how would it change the way you use the time and opportunities you already have?

The sermon points out that Jesus sent his disciples out two by two into situations that required them to depend entirely on God rather than their own ability -- what would it take for you to move from writing entries in your ought-to biography to actually stepping into the uncomfortable work God is asking of you?

Galatians 6 warns that a person reaps what they sow and that we should not grow weary in doing good -- where in your spiritual life are you most at risk of growing weary, and what would it mean for you to press through that weariness trusting that a harvest is coming if you do not give up?