

## 07-07-24 FOR THE JOURNEY THIS WEEK

“Jesus empowered the disciples to be his servants in this world through his teachings, through his guidance, and through his love. Still today, Jesus is empowering us to do the same work--to work for love and justice in the world right now— so that earth becomes a little bit more and more like heaven.”

- Sarah McWhirt-Toler



Mark 6:1-13

### Questions for Reflection —

- What is your role in furthering the work that Jesus would be doing if he were physically present here with us? How has Jesus empowered you to go out and do that work? What doubts or anxieties limit your response to Jesus' call? What would it look like for you to rely totally on the power of the Holy Spirit as you undertake those tasks which God sets before you?
  
- What does evangelism look like for you? How is Jesus sending you to engage the secular world based on your Christian beliefs? What challenges you in speaking about or witnessing to your faith outside the setting of the church or to people who are not believers? What will help you to boldly and faithfully bear witness to God's light and love? How do your lifestyle and your everyday behaviors “preach” the Good News of God's love for all?
  
- Where/how have you seen or do you see God's image in and the Holy Spirit at work through the people around you? Have you ever discounted someone because of your assumptions about them? What will help you see God's gifts in ordinary people and everyday situations? Have you ever felt overlooked due to the perceptions of others about you? How can we as a congregation better affirm and value each person for who they are and the uniqueness they bring to our community of faith?

### Daily Household Prayer

O gracious and holy God, give us diligence to seek you, wisdom to perceive you, and patience to wait for you. Grant us, O God, a mind to meditate on you, eyes to behold you, ears to listen for your Word, a heart to love you, and a life to proclaim you, through the power of the spirit of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.