



*Week 2: Sent as a Farmer | Teacher: Libin Abraham
Discussion Questions for 10.16.2022*

Ice Breaker

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would you choose?

Read

John 6:38; John 4:34; Luke 8:4-8; Luke 8:11-15; 1 Corinthians 3:6-9; John 4:35-37; Luke 10:2-3a

Main Points

1. There are 4 key "jobs" as Sent People:
 - a. The Patient Fisherman (Matthew 4:19), The Confident Ambassador (2 Corinthians 5:20; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6, 16-18), The Authoritative Royal Priest (1 Peter 2:9; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12), The Hardworking Farmer (Luke 8:4-15).
2. 3 questions for a farmer:
 - a. What kind of soil am I dealing with here?
 - b. What can I do to make this heart more ready to hear about Jesus?
 - c. Does my attitude and behavior help cultivate the soil of a person's heart or does it plant weeds and toss rocks by negativity, cynicism or doubt?
3. See Addendum for descriptions of each Sent Identity and the corresponding "job description"!

Group Discussion

- How might realizing that we are sent change our perspective on the relationships that we have?
- What are your thoughts on the different roles and descriptions?
- How have you seen the different roles evident in your life or in the life of others that have been intentional to share their faith with you?

Bottom Line

Our "sentness" is Christlikeness.

Weekly Application

Read the Scripture passages for each job description. Select the one you most identify with. Pray that you recognize the God-given opportunities to live out your "job."

Addendum to Discussion Questions



God's Titles, Verses, and Job Descriptions for Your Life:

- **Hardworking Farmer** (Matthew 13:3; 2 Timothy 2:6; 1 Corinthians 9:11; 2 Corinthians 9:10; 2 Corinthians 9:6; Luke 8:4-8, 11-15) - sows, plows, plants, harvests.
 - “While not explicitly presenting a gospel message, this farming role prepares those around us for when someone does present the invitation to know God personally.” (Sent, pg. 62)
 - Being a farmer is “a metaphor not only for planting seeds of the gospel, but also for preparation *before* planting the seed of the gospel.” (Sent, pg. 62)
 - Questions the farmer asks:
 - What kind of soil am I dealing with here?
 - What can I do to make this heart more ready to hear about Jesus?
- **Patient Fisherman** (Matthew 4:19) - baits, casts, catches.
 - Fishermen go where the fish are, and then they fish.
 - The patient fisherman intentionally uses “*spiritual language* that invites people to participate in a spiritual conversation about spiritual realities.” (Sent, pg. 67)
 - “When I leave home, I think of fishing. I will cast the bait of spiritual language and see who responds. And when I think of that adjective that the fisherman is “patient,” I remember that sometimes I wait for years - sometimes decades - until a person wishes to engage in a spiritual conversation.” (Sent, pg. 71)
 - “A good fisherman casts bait and waits patiently.” (Sent, pg. 71)
- **Confident Ambassador** (2 Corinthians 5:11-21; Ephesians 6:20; 2 Corinthians 4:1-6) - represents, delivers message, informs.
 - Ambassadors share the views and opinions from their leader, not merely their own.
 - “The biblical ambassador comes with a message of reconciliation between his or her heavenly kingdom and the world we now live in. It’s a beautiful metaphor for who we are in Christ. He leaves us on earth as delegates from our true home to bring his reconciliation about.” (Sent, pg. 71)
 - “We don’t need to lose heart or feel like anything depends on us. Instead, we set “forth the truth plainly” and let God handle the rest.” (Sent, pg. 74)
- **Authoritative Royal Priest** (1 Peter 2:9; Colossians 3:16; 2 Timothy 3:16)- blesses, teaches God’s Word
 - A priest pronounces blessing and explains God’s Word to people, enters spaces with the atoning sacrifice (the indwelling Christ), and makes a way for others to know him.
 - “Over the last few years, I’ve taken this priestly role more seriously; I actively try to weave God’s Word into any conversation. It’s part of my job description as a royal priest (just like the farmer who sows the Word). Living as a sent person, I carry God’s Word into the spaces I enter.” (Sent, pg. 83)
 - “Sent royal priests know the power of God’s Word as they speak to others.” (Sent, pg. 84)