

## Breaking Ground

### Mark 1:1-8

*Every Christ follower has a role in preparing the way for Jesus in the hearts of a lost and broken world. We do that by forging meaningful \_\_\_\_\_ of unconditional love.*

**Discussion 1. What meaningful friendship or relationship did God use in your life to prepare your heart for Jesus? What meaningful friendship or relationship are you praying for right now, whose heart needs to be prepared for Jesus?**

*From its very beginning, the gospel message can only take root in a \_\_\_\_\_ which seeks forgiveness. Any faith message which leaves that out is simply not the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

**Discussion 2. Spurgeon said: In order to preach a man saved, you must first preach that man lost. What does that mean in the context of our current culture?**

*Neither our teaching, nor our preaching, nor our showmanship will ever make an eternal impact on lives. Only the Spirit of God can do that. Without the \_\_\_\_\_, none of those other things matter.*

**Discussion 3. In your own context (family, neighbors, co-workers, etc.) what are your biggest challenges to actually walking IN THE SPIRIT? Do the people around you know you follow Christ? If so, how do they know? If not, what can you do about that?**

*We may each do it in different ways and through a variety of different gifts and skillsets, but as Christ followers, we all have the same basic calling in this life: to show people \_\_\_\_\_. It is why we are still here in this world.*

**Discussion 4. Describe one way your church is intentional about showing people Jesus. Describe one step you can take personally in order to be better at showing people Jesus.**

**Discussion 5. How does this lesson cause you to pray? How does it prepare your heart for worship?**