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Mark 6:7-13

The miraculous power of God demonstrated through His people today is not an end unto itself; rather, He reveals His power in order to validate _____.

Discussion 1. If the purpose of God's power is to validate His message, what do you believe is the message? How would you describe it?

In contemporary Western culture, it is difficult for us, even as Christ followers, to think about being on mission without factoring in our own _____. We prepare for it, we plan around it, and sadly, we often use it as a litmus test for our participation.

Discussion 2. When you consider a mission trip (or have considered them in the past), how important is/was your personal comfort in your consideration and planning? How important should it be? Are there some circumstances where it might be more important than in other circumstances?

For some of us, our fear of _____ or our fear of _____ is our single biggest obstacle to fulfilling our mission of making disciples. Jesus' counsel is clear: shake off each rejection and keep moving forward. It was His way. It should be ours as well.

Discussion 3. Why does our fear of failure or rejection paralyze us the way it does, i.e., what is at the heart of that fear? What do you think God would say to us about it? How do you overcome that fear?

Following Jesus places a high value on our immediate obedience. When God gives us an assignment, the time to move forward is _____, with faith that He will equip us in whatever ways necessary.

Discussion 4. What are some of the best, most reasonable excuses you have given or heard for delayed obedience to God? How do you think those excuses sound to God?