

PARENT GUIDE

Lesson 1.4: Grow

JOURNEY

WITNESSES

► SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 13:1-9

SUMMARY:

If the gospel is true and Jesus is real and everything in the Bible is accurate, then why don't more people just believe? This week we talked about our role and God's role in the spread of the gospel. It is not exclusively about our gifts and abilities, but rather how God uses them. In 1 Corinthians Paul comments how the success of the church growing was entirely dependent on the favor and grace of God.

As we engage in the mission of God and go into the world as witnesses of the gospel, we are judged not by how many people believe as a result of our efforts or gifts, but by our faithfulness to the work God has called us to. Our efforts and abilities without the Holy Spirit working through us are meaningless. You will talk about Jesus to a lot of people in many contexts. Some will believe, many won't. But our job is to be faithful. It is about God's gospel and God's mission for God's glory.

► DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Talk to me about the most interesting thing you learned from this week's lesson.
- How do you know that you are doing what God wants you to do with what He has given you?
- How dependent are you on God?
- How have you seen God use you already?
- Tell me your next steps based on what you've learned. How can I help?

► CORE VERSE

John 1:12-13

► CORE CONCEPTS

It is God who moves people to respond to the gospel.

Sovereign: Possessing complete power