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Rush Creek Loves Week 4 | Live Sent

SAY THIS:

We often imagine that the work of Jesus happens somewhere else such as a church building or on a mission trip. But Jesus sends ordinary people into ordinary places. Think about your last seven days:

ASK THIS:

- Where have you spent most of your time?
- Who are the people you naturally encounter?
- What places or things do you find yourself returning to again and again?
- Where does your life actually happen?
- If someone followed you around for a week, where would they see the greatest evidence of what you value?

SAY THIS:

The sermon this week focused on an intense scene between Jesus and a demon-possessed man. Let's read Mark 5:1-20 together. (Read the passage)

As you reflect on the sermon teaching from this week. Think about what stuck with you.

- What phrases or rallying cry do you keep returning back to replaying it over and over?
- What about the vision of Live Sent is clinging to you and won't let go?

DISCUSS:

Let's discuss some themes from the message:

(Select the Qs that make sense for your group)

1. What comes to mind when you hear the phrase "Jesus has sent us?"
2. Where do you instinctively think "mission" happens?
3. What would change if you began to see your home, workplace, neighborhood, school, or daily routines as places of mission?
4. Consider this: Imagine standing at the doorway of your home. Behind you is the place where you belong. In front is the world into which you are sent. Most of us don't think of walking through that doorway as a spiritual act...but what if it is? What if the people you encounter tomorrow are not interruptions to your spiritual life but instead are part of it?
 - a. Who has God already placed around you that you might normally overlook?
 - b. Is there someone in your ordinary life who might need more than your productivity, politeness, or advice?

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- c. Where might God already be opening a door for you to bring His presence, truth, kindness, justice, beauty, or good news?
- 5. Consider this: Is it possible to love the idea of living sent while arranging our lives so that we rarely have to participate? We do all the things we're called to do in New Testament Christianity and still live as though the Christian life is primarily about what happens when we gather.
 - a. What makes it difficult for Christians to move from gathering to going?
 - b. What fears tend to keep us from living openly as followers of Jesus?
 - c. Where might comfort, busyness, insecurity, or self-protection be keeping you from being more available to God?
- 6. What has God placed in my hands, and who might He intend me to bless through it?
 - a. What gifts, skills, relationships, or experiences has God entrusted to you?
 - b. Who naturally comes into your sphere because of your gifts, skills, relationships, or experiences?
 - c. Where do you have influence that you sometimes take for granted?
 - d. What might it mean to stop asking only "What do you want me to do?" and begin asking "What might God want to do through me?"

Close in prayer (a prayer is listed below in case you want to use it)

Jesus, thank you for calling us to follow You and sending us into the world. Open our eyes to the people and places You have already entrusted to us. Give us courage to live our faith beyond these walls, and make Your love visible through our words, our work, our homes, and our everyday lives. Amen.

Consider sending out your group with a blessing or as a text you send tomorrow morning as a reminder:

Go now as people who are sent.

May you recognize the places God has planted you as places of mission.

May you carry the presence of Jesus into every conversation, every home, every workplace, and every neighborhood.

And may the gospel become visible through the way you live.