In The Arena

Planting Seeds of Faith





Message Summary

Sharing your faith can feel scary, but God calls us to scatter seeds. Don't wait for perfect soil or worry about weeds, extend your hand, plant the seed, and trust God for the harvest.

Key Scriptures

For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.
Luke 19:10 (NIV)

The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ).

John 1:41 (NIV)

Here is a boy with five small barley loaves and two small fish, but how far will they go among so many?

John 6:9 (NIV)

Philip went to tell Andrew; Andrew and Philip in turn told Jesus. John 12:22 (NIV)

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow. 1 Corinthians 3:6 (NIV)

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life, and the one who is wise saves lives. Proverbs 11:30 (NIV)

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.
2 Timothy 1:7 (NIV)

Start Talking

Find a conversation starter for your group.

- Who did you invite to our group last week? How did it go?
- What's something small you've done that ended up having a bigger impact than you expected?
- Watch this week's Sermon Refresh: Here (Available Mondays)

Start Thinking

Ask a question to get your group thinking.

- Please read the Key Scriptures on the left.
- Why do you think Andrew kept bringing people to Jesus, and what does that teach us about sharing our faith?

Start Sharing

Choose a question(s) to create openness.

- When has someone planted a "seed" in your life that helped your faith grow?
- How can we be more intentional about planting seeds with family, friends, or coworkers?
- What is one specific step you can take this week to share your faith with someone in your circle?

Start Praying

Lord, give courage to those who have yet to follow You and remind us that we will never reap a harvest if we never plant a seed. Bring to mind someone we can reach this week and give us boldness to invite them to take a step closer to You. Amen.

Start Doing

As a group, practice sharing your story using this method: *I was...* (life before Jesus). *Then God...* (how you met Jesus). *And now...* (the impact He's made). Keep it under 3 minutes.

This week, share your story and invite one person to church, and post your story at ccv.church/share