

## **In and Through, October 22, 2023**

### **Ice Breaker:**

Finish this sentence: "More than anything else, I want God to use me to \_\_\_\_\_." What is it that you want God to do through your life, and why does this have such priority for you?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. Read Mark 12:30-31 • Who do you see as an inconvenience or annoyance? Where does this attitude come from, and how do you think Jesus can transform it?
2. Reflect on Mark 4:1-8, 13-20 • Which type of soil do you identify with the most:
  - the hard path
  - rocky ground
  - thorny soil
  - good soil

Why, and how have you seen these types of soil in your own life?

3. Read Ezekiel 36:26 and reflect on your journey of faith and discipleship. Can you share a personal experience or story when you felt your heart was softened or transformed by God's work in your life? What led to that change, and how did it impact your relationship with others and your ability to love people one at a time?
4. Read John 13:35 & John 5:39 • Define the word "discipleship." Do you see it more as acquiring information or undergoing a life transformation? Why do you hold that perspective, and in what ways do you need Jesus to disciple you in loving people one at a time?

### **Key Takeaway or Action Item:**

Going back to your desire for God to use you, what are some things that God might need to do in you before He can work through you to fulfill that desire? How can your Lifegroup pray for God to begin this "ground work" in your life and heart?