

## **Children's Sermon for July 7 (based on Luke 10:1-11; 16-20)**

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**Items needed:** unopened dandelion; opened dandelion. Ask, has anybody here ever seen a flower? How does a flower start? A flower starts as something called, a bud. Show unopened dandelion--a bud looks like this, a knob, at the top of a plant. Then, as time passes, the bud opens up, to become a flower. (Use your closed fist, gradually opening up, to illustrate this.) A flower is not called a flower, until it opens up. Show opened flower. A flower is meant to be open. Sharing its beauty with the world. Each of us, and each church, works the same way. God wants us to open up, and share beauty with the world. In today's Bible reading, Jesus sends out a bunch of people, to share beauty with the world. Jesus wants each of us, and every church, to open up, and share beauty with the world.