



Become — Week 3 (Discussion Questions)

Recap

- This week's message challenged us to pay attention to the "soil" of our hearts and remember that growth is God's work, but readiness is our responsibility.

Connect

- If you could pick up a new hobby tomorrow with zero cost or time constraints, what would you choose?
- What is something you have done consistently for a long time that has shaped you more than you expected?

Check-In

- From last week's focus on *Belonging*, what is one intentional step you took toward biblical community, and what did you learn from it?

Contemplate

- Read **Mark 4:3–9** and **Mark 4:13–20**.

- What details do you notice about the *sower* and the *seed*? What stays the same in every scenario?
- What is different about each soil, and what result does each one produce?
- In Jesus' explanation, what specifically threatens the word in each soil (path, rocky ground, thorns)?
- What words or phrases does Jesus use to describe the good soil and its response?

Consider

- The sermon's Big Idea was: *Without God we can't, without us He won't*. Where do you feel the tension between God's power and your responsibility most right now?
- Which "soil" best describes your current season, and what evidence makes you say that?
- What are the "thorns" that most commonly compete for your attention and obedience?
- What is one small, realistic change you could make this week to create better conditions for growth?
- If a friend watched your schedule and spending for a month, what would they conclude matters most to you?

Cover

- Pray for soft hearts that are receptive to God's word.
- Pray for courage to face shallow faith and persevere through difficulty.
- Pray for clarity to name and remove competing "thorns" like worry, money, and misplaced desires.
- Pray for our church to be good soil that produces lasting fruit in character and in making disciples.

Practices

- **Scripture:** Read Mark 4:13–20 once each day. Ask, “Which soil am I choosing today?”
- **Soil check:** Identify one “thorn” and take one concrete step to limit it for seven days.
- **Community:** Share honestly with one trusted person where you feel your soil is hardest right now, and ask for prayer + accountability.