



Title: The Sower and the Soils

Main Scripture: Mark 4:1-20

NOTES:

Exhortations to Prepare to “Hear” Well.

- ◆ Pray that God would give you ears to hear.
- ◆ Meditate on the Word of God. Read portions of your Bible with a view to stirring up hunger for God.
- ◆ Watch what you put into your life. What are you watching or listening to?
- ◆ Trust in the truth that you already know.
- ◆ Get a good night’s rest before coming to church.
- ◆ Come in a spirit of meek teachability.
- ◆ Spend some quiet time with God before a church service.
- ◆ Desire, and stir desire for, the truth of God’s Word; place it above the other things of life.

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Small Group Sermon Study | Mark 4:1-20

Prayer: *Father, we thank You for who you are. May we be renewed and transformed through the study of Your word. Holy Spirit, lead us as we read, discern and discuss this passage together. In Jesus' name, amen.*

Icebreaker:

Do you enjoy working in the soil with your hands? Why or why not? If yes, what do you enjoy planting the most and why?

Read the key passage(s) of Scripture from the message and review the sermon notes, then answer the following questions:

1. What did you like or appreciate about this message?
2. Pastor Scott teaches on the four kinds of soil that are mentioned in this passage (the path, rocky soil, thorny soil and good soil). Where do you find yourself in these soils? Is there any evidence of rocky or thorny soil in your life? Share your experience with the group and take some time to encourage one another.
3. Pastor Scott makes the point that for those whose hearts are like the good soil, they hear the word of God initially, and also continue to hear on a regular basis. As a follower of Jesus, what does this look like in your life? How are you placing yourself in the best position possible to continue to hear from God daily?
4. As a small group, are there ways we can support and encourage each other in this journey as you seek to grow in hearing God and remaining soft to his voice and his leading? Take some time to brainstorm ideas together, then try some this week!
5. Pastor Scott emphasizes the importance of being good sowers of God's word. Have you seen yourself as a sower of the word of God? Can you think of people in your places of influence that need to hear God's word? How might you grow in sharing with them? Take a moment to ask Jesus about this.

Personal Reflection: Pastor Scott asks three questions at the end of his sermon. Take some time to talk to Jesus about them now.

- Jesus, what kind of soil am I?
- What is one thing you would call me change to help produce a good crop in me?
- Am I a faithful sower of Your word?

Prayer: *Spend some time praying for those in your life who have yet to know Jesus personally. Ask God for opportunities to share his love with them. Together, let's believe God for great things!*