



*June 28, 2020*

***FOCUS ON JESUS!***

Mark 4:1-32

Pray together and ask the Spirit to lead you into the practical truths in today's text.

1. What kind of luck have you had with growing things? Are you a brown or green thumb? What is your secret to failure or success?
2. Why do you think Jesus told the 'Parable of the Sower'?
3. In this parable, what is the seed? The birds? The soils? The fruit? The farmer?
4. Which of the soils best describes your response to the Good News about Jesus, the first time you heard it?
5. How would you describe the root system in your spiritual life right now?
  - Shallow like a over-watered plant.
  - Fairly extensive, but I worry about times of drought.
  - Extensive and deep, strengthened by faith and difficulties.
  - Other
6. In the period of your life when your spiritual life as most unfruitful, what was the main reason?
  - I had a whole bunch of problems.
  - I didn't know about Jesus.
  - I knew about Jesus, but I was taken up with other things.

- I was living life my own way.
  - Other
7. What was the main factor at the time that produced the best crop?
    - I continually sought God's will.
    - I had fewer distractions in my life.
    - I was struggling with a hard time.
    - I had a strong devotional life.
    - I had a great support group.
    - Other
  8. Which 'Thorny Worry' is most likely to choke your faith?
    - \$ / Failure / Family problems / What others think / Health / Fear of the future / Other
  9. What steps could you take to improve the soil in your spiritual life?
    - Plow it up and start over / All troubles to be my fertilizer / Uproot the thorns of worry and desires for the world / Have consistent devotional times / Surround myself with the topsoil of spiritual community / Other
  10. What stands out to you from today's message and this study, that can help you in your journey with Jesus?



Spend some time praising God for what you discovered today and pray for each other.

Identify at least one person from church you haven't seen for a while and give them a "I Miss Seeing You" call!

\*Questions adapted by Lyman Coleman's Serendipity Bible.



***Partnering together to love  
God, love people, and  
make disciples!***