



Jesus Saves... So Communicate Christ

Mark 4:1-20

Life Group & Personal Bible Study Questions

This guide is designed to provide some additional study for both personal enrichment and small group (Life Group) discussion based on Sunday's sermon. It is not meant to serve as a full Bible study of the passage listed, but a talk sheet for further study. This also is not a complete outline of a Life Group time or personal study or exhaustive study of the Bible passage, so please feel free to do some or all parts of this study as you enjoy your Life Group experience or personal time with the Lord.

Think like an advertiser for a moment. What gets people's attention? Why do they capture people's attention?

How did Jesus' stories and life lessons grab people's attention?

Read Mark 4:1-20 again and think back over Sunday's sermon.

What points of the sermon or this passage resonated with you?

What thoughts or questions came to mind? How were you challenged?

Look up a few of the following parables and discuss why the people in the parable did what they did. Consider the type of soil/heart they were expressing. What would you tell them to encourage them to listen better? How would you communicate that to them?

- Parable of the talents - Matthew 25:14-30
- Story of the rich young ruler - Mark 10:17-27
- Parable of the Good Samaritan - Luke 10:25-37
- Story of the encounter with Nicodemus - John 3:1-21

Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, and Acts 1:8 all challenge us to sow the seed of the Word (the life changing message of Jesus). How does this work into Jesus' command to love our neighbor in Matthew 22:39? Discuss how neighboring sows the Word. (You might also bring in any information from the book *The Art of Neighboring*.)

What is something that has encouraged or challenged you through this study?

Going Deeper: If you would like to go deeper in your study and take this study to a greater application you could read the book *The Art of Neighboring* by Jay Pathak and Dave Runyon using the questions in the back of each chapter as a guide. Each Life group leader has more information. Last week's chapter was chapter 2, yet this week we're in chapter 11. We do jump around the chapters of the Neighboring book to complement the Sunday study.

Answers to Sunday's fill in the blanks and other Bible verses:



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Life gets ambiguous, yet Jesus holds the secret if we listen.

Introductory Notes vs10-12
Isaiah 6:9-10

Hearing and Being Heard as we Communicate Christ

Cultivating an Environment to Hear

Shoo Birds vs4,14-15

Job 1:1-22
James 1:14, 1 Corinthians 10:13
Ephesians 6:10-18, James 4:7

Good Soil is Interested in Jesus vs8-20

Luke 10:38-42
1 Thessalonians 5:17

Remove Rocks vs5-6,16-17

Colossians 2:6-7

Good Soil is Intense on Jesus vs8-20

Pull Weeds vs7, 18-19

Matthew 6:33

- Jesus cares ... 1 Peter 5:6-7
- Jesus listens ... Matthew 11:28
- Jesus helps and guides ... Matthew 11:29-30

Good Soil is Intentional with Jesus vs8-20

Matthew 6:4

Adjust Communication to be Heard

Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Acts 1:8