

Disciple Makers: Preparing for the Harvest | Mark 4:1-20

Ohana Group Discussion Questions: Week of April 14th, 2024

OVERVIEW

Jesus shares the parable of the sower, illustrating four possible responses to the Word.

OHANA TIME!

Icebreaker: Regarding house plants, do you: A) Talk and sing to them like friends? B) Forget about their existence? C) Just hope no one gives you one? **Or** What project have you started, but not finished yet?

Activity: Plan a spring activity/get-together for your group!

PRAYER

Pray as a group: Pray that God's Word may take root in your heart and bear fruit in your life and in the life of others. Pray that you and others that hear God's Word would hear and retain God's Word like good soil.

QUESTIONS: MARK 4:1-20

1. What four types of soil does Jesus illustrate in the parable of the sower?
2. What characterizes each type of soil? What happens to the seed in each kind of soil?
3. What are the four different responses to the Word of God, as depicted in the parable? What is the "reason" for each response?
4. What kind of harvest is promised when seed falls on good soil? What can you expect in someone's life if their heart is receptive to God's Word?
5. What is the responsibility of the sower?
6. Who sprouts the seed and makes the seed grow? (See 4:26-29)
7. As disciple makers "sow seeds," what does it mean to have realistic expectations?
8. Seeds take much time and care to grow and mature. Is it the same with discipleship? Why?
9. We may not always see firsthand the fruits of discipleship, but what are the future blessings of discipleship?

APPLICATION

1. As a sower of God's Word, what is your role in communicating and proclaiming God's Word to those God has called you to disciple and build-up? What are some tangible ways you can sow the seeds of God's Word in the lives of people around you?
2. Which of four types of soil best describe your response to the gospel when you first heard it? What kind of "soil" are you today? What are some practical ways you practice "hearing," "retaining," and "persevering" in God's Word?

