

JESUS – Hope, Help, and Healing 'Fruit in Spiritual Greenhouses'

Mark 4:1-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The following questions are intended to use in discussion and application of the past week's sermon.

Listening

What part of the sermon was most helpful to you or challenged you to think and/or live differently? How will you apply this message to your life?

Engaging

Have someone read Mark 4:10-12 again. When Jesus quotes Isaiah 6:9-10 here in the midst of the parable about parables, he is drawing a line between receiving and understanding any and all of his teachings apart from faith in him. As people are exposed to the truths and the values that God's Word communicates, they must be understood in the context of belief, faith, and yielding to him – lest they just exist as 'good principles' that do not lead a person to faith. Where in your life and our world do you see this line of receiving the truths of God only in the context of faith? Where is it all proven incompatible apart from faith?

Applying

What are the things that most often restrict or limit the growth of God's Word in your life? What have you (or could you) tried to use in order to weed out these things?

Is there a season or a certain situation (small group, study, retreat, etc.) where you experienced growth beyond other seasons in your life? What were the conditions that helped cultivate such growth? In what ways might you pursue those conditions again?

Praying

In light of this message and discussion:

How can we pray for each other?
Where do you feel challenged or convicted?

What can we praise God for?
How can we pray for our church?



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