

DISCUSSIONGUIDE

The Four Chairs (Mark #6)

Week of April 12, 2020

While this Discussion Guide is intended for use in a Riverwood Growth Group, it can be used personally as well. To get the most from these questions, we suggest you take 10-15 minutes to read, think, and pray through this Guide before participating in your Growth Group. The point of this guide is to not just "get through the questions" (there's no quiz at the end!) but to pursue Jesus and grow spiritually.

ICEBREAKER (Optional)

Share either a favorite Easter memory or Easter tradition.

DISCUSSION

Read Mark 4:1-20 (Suggestion: split the reading: v. 1-9, then v. 10-20.)

1. Let's spend time identifying the various parts of the parable:
 - a. What is the seed?
 - b. What makes someone "hard soil"?
 - c. What makes a person "rocky soil"?
 - d. What makes someone else "thorny soil"?
 - e. What indicates someone is "good soil"?
 - f. Who is the sower?



2. a. What needs to happen with the first three soil types in order to become good soil?

b. In light of your answer to Part A above, would you say someone who is categorized as one type of soil is destined to remain in that category? Why or why not?

MAKING IT PERSONAL

3. Which soil types have you been in your life?
4. Which soil type would you identify with currently?
5. What is one thing you feel the Holy Spirit calling you to do to become more like the good soil rather than the other three?
6. If you follow Jesus, how can you be a sower? If you don't follow Jesus, why not?

MEMORY VERSE

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." (Mark 10:45)

PRAYER

As you close in prayer for one another, pray that God would use the current pandemic to soften the hearts of many, to remove rocks and thorns, and to help many people become good soil, including you.

