



These questions are provided for your further study and application of the message. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point. It is also helpful to discuss your answers with others.

## **Discussion Questions**

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### **Mark 4:1-20**

1. Jesus used every day experiences to illustrate his lessons. Can you come up with some good illustrations that may re-tell the parable of the sower in contemporary language and culture?
2. Pastor Craig mentioned on Sunday that we can't "un-see" things once we have seen them. How does this concept help us to understand why the disciples had a harder time comprehending this parable than we do today?
3. Explain why only the seed that fell on the good soil produced fruit? What does this teach us about the nature of salvation?
4. Read Mark 1:1-4. The subject of this parable is not the soil, but the sower. Why should we focus on the sower and his responsibility more than the status of soils?
5. Read Mark 4:10-12 and Matthew 13:10-17. Why did Jesus speak in parables? What is necessary for people to understand the parables of Jesus?
6. Read Matthew 7:22. Jesus warns that many who hear the gospel never receive it salvifically. Salvation is more than an experience (1 John 1:5-10). How should we respond to people who claim to know Christ but do not show evidence of salvation?
7. Family verse: Read and memorize Matthew 13:16. Talk about the Holy Spirit's role in opening your eyes and ears to God's truth so that you could be saved