

Follow the King

THE GOSPEL OF MARK

Sermon Questions

Date: *October 9, 2022* | Scripture: *Mark 4:1-20*

1. Read the passages from the sermon together. What do you find convicting? What do you find challenging? What do you find confusing?
2. Have you ever had the experience of your ears and eyes being opened? Have you had moments when the word of Christ “clicked” for you? What was that like?
3. Jesus continues to draw the line between his followers and opponents in even sharper contrast. What is the reason Jesus gives for teaching in parables? How does the parable itself illustrate this reason?
4. Does this parable make you anxious? What do you fear when hearing it?
5. What does it mean to “hear the word and accept it?” (4:20) How is one to know if they have heard and accepted the word?
6. Where can we find relief for our anxiety? How does our union with Christ ease our fears? Consider how Christ himself is the seed.

Inward Grace in Action

The truth is, we all find ourselves facing the difficulties listed in the first three kinds of soil. We are all assaulted by spiritual enemies; as 1 Peter 5:8 tells us, Satan lies in wait like a roaring lion. We all facing suffering. We in the northern Virginia area, with all its wealth, are especially tempted by the deceitfulness of riches and a desire for other things.

- **Which of these three obstacles do you struggle with most fiercely? Which do you struggle with most regularly? Which are you in the midst of right now?**
- **How might you heed the call of Christ to listen to him? How might you help the other members of your Community Group listen to Christ?**
- **What fruit are you producing? Note: conviction of sin and repentance are the primary fruit of faith. See Mark 1:15, Jesus’ word is summarized with “repent and believe.” Are you feeling convicted?**

WORSHIP THROUGHOUT THE WEEK

Here are some other ways you can meet with God throughout the week:

Reflect on these Scriptures:

- Psalm 78
- Isaiah 6:8-13
- Matthew 13:24-35
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- 2 Peter 1:3-11

Serve: there are lots of opportunities to serve in our church family. [Click Here](#) to serve as a volunteer.

Pray for our church’s many Community Groups and CG leaders and staff as we enter into CG Month. Pray this ministry continues to bless and connect our members!

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- Call our church office at 703.821.0800
- Request aid from our Deacons’ Fund at: deaconsfund@nvlsc.org