

Choose

Mark 4

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Foundation Choice: Mark 8:27-29

“Successful” Planting

- Mark 4:20
- Live in such a way that people are _____
- Small “small” things matter
- Big “small” things matter
- Ephesians 5:10-11

Are we “stuck” in the box?

What happened?

Verses 13-14 (Indifferent Hearts)

Verses 16-17 (Shallow Hearts)

Verses 18-19 (Divided Hearts)

Group 1 – Worries of this life

Verses 18-19: Group 2 - Deceitfulness of wealth

- No question that we need to make a _____
- No question that poverty is a bad thing
- No question that wealth makes _____
- No question that millions are deceived and _____

- No question that all the money in the world is not worth the

- 1st Timothy 6:9-10

When any “good” thing other than God becomes the ultimate thing, it becomes a _____ thing.

Verse 18-19: Group 3 – Desires for other things

- Success
- Social _____
- Short term pleasure
- “Lukewarmness”
- I want to follow Jesus except for _____
- I want to follow Jesus unless _____

Divided Hearts – Ezekiel 11:19

For the “seeds” to take root, one must:

- Hear it
- Receive it (pull weeds, clear thorns)
- _____ it
- Put it into action (be fruitful)

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Talk it over...with your friends, family, or Growth Group.

Talking through the ideas presented in Sunday's message helps us apply God's word to our individual lives. These questions are designed to help you put His words into action in your life this week.

Reread Mark, Chapter 4:1-34:

- What are some of the things you “like” about the passage?
- What are some of the things that are troubling to you in this passage?
- What do you think God might be saying to you as you look over this passage?

Which “soil” do you most identify with?

Who is a “regular” person you know who has “produced a crop” for God’s Kingdom? What did they do to have such an impact?

What are some of the “worries of this life” that hinder your productivity for God’s Kingdom? How have these worries impacted you? What hinders you from trusting God with them?

Are there some “thorns and/or weeds” in your life that hinder your productivity? What has kept you from “digging them up” and dealing with them? When you are really honest, do you want to dig them up?

What is your main “take-away” from this week? How do you plan to live that out?

Review the scripture presented in this week’s sermon and think about what God might be teaching you? (Note: these might be different than what was presented in the sermon.)

Read Chapter 5 of Mark in preparation for next week.

