



Sermon Discussion Guide

September 14, 2025

Use this discussion guide with your small group or by yourself, to dig into the text and theme of Sunday's message.

Key Point: Sharing our faith requires faith to share.

Life Sharing: (answer one)

1. Do you have a "green thumb" or do plants die around you? If you have a "green thumb", what makes you a good grower? If you don't, why do plants die around you?
2. Have you ever been responsible for your home's lawn? What does it take to have a healthy lawn around a house?

Transition / Open in prayer

3. What has helped your faith grow? Is there a certain time of your life when there was significant spiritual growth?

Life Examination:

READ Mark 4:3-20

4. What do the different parts of Jesus' story represent: the farmer, seeds, soils, birds, rocks, hot sun, thorns, and the crop?
5. What does verse 12 mean? Read Isaiah 6:9-10 and discuss.
6. What is the fruit Jesus talks about in verse 19?

READ Mark 4:21-25

7. How do these verses connect to the story about the soil?
8. What do the words "something" and "nothing" refer to in verse 25?

Life Application:

9. What are some things a person can do to make sure their heart is like the good soil?
10. Why do trouble and worry cause followers of Jesus to struggle to produce good fruit?
11. Verse 24 says when you give, you will receive more. What is Jesus expecting us to give?
12. How can the four soil imagery help us in sharing our faith with others?

Life Prayers: Pray for one another and ask that God would expand your faith so that others could see Him.

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