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Seeing & Hearing the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Small Group Questions — The Week of November 22, 2020

Sermon Overview: For most of us, soil is little more than dirt under our feet, but the truth is soil is one of the greatest wonders of God's creation. Every tree, every fruit, every vegetable, every blade of grass, and every flower cannot grow without soil. So, it should not surprise us that soil is the subject of one of the most famous parables of Jesus. In the Parable of the Sower, Jesus describes four different kinds of soil as four different responses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ - and only one of them bears fruit. Join us this Sunday as we continue our series in the Gospel of Mark and discover why we need Jesus to cultivate our hearts into good soil.

Scripture Reading: Mark 4:1-20

1. What is a parable? Why did Jesus teach in parables? (See Mark 4:10-12)
2. How do parables engage our imaginations? Why does Jesus want us to imagine?
3. What does it mean to have a hard heart? How does a hard heart respond to Jesus?
4. What does the word tribulation mean? How does God use tribulation to deepen a shallow faith?
5. How are idols like weeds? What are the idols that keep growing in your heart?
6. What does it look like to have good soil for the Gospel to grow?
7. Why do we need Jesus to cultivate our hearts into good soil?