



The Seed

Main Scripture: Mark 4:1-41
Additional Scriptures: James 1:21,
1st Peter 1:23, 1st John 3:9

Hearing: Discussion Questions

- The seed changes everything if you take it deep. What exactly does Pastor Mike mean by this? How do take the seed deep? Is there more than one way to do this?
- Parables require digestion. Jesus was looking for transformation, not information dissemination. What ways can we be faithful to Jesus' desire for transformation when we are discipling others in the ways of Jesus today? How do you ensure that there is really transformation going on and not just information dissemination?
- **Read Mark 4:26-29.** The process is natural: the seed works all by itself. If this is true, then what part do we play? How are you doing with your role in sowing seed?
 - How can you do a better job of organically incorporating that into your life?
- **Read Mark 4:24-25 & James 1:22-25.** What do you think Jesus meant when He said this in Mark? How does it relate to the passage in James?
- **Read Mark 4:30-32.** How does this parable relate to Be One Make One and making disciples? (Small group leader – talk about the significance of making a disciple who makes other disciples and how it may only start as 1 or 2 people, but if the disciple-maker is faithful, it can end up affecting *thousands* of people after ~15-20 years!)
- Pastor Mike said “the sower is extravagant because He sows on *all* types of soil.” How should this type of extravagance affect where you sow seed?
 - How has extravagance played a part in your discipleship since you decided to start following Jesus? Where are some places where extravagance could play a bigger part in your life?
- **Read Mark 4:20.** An exceptional yield for a Palestinian farmer was 10 to 15 times what was sown, but Jesus said that the word would reap a harvest 30, 60, or 100 fold. Even God's worst is still better than the best of the world. Share some stories where that has been true in your own life.

Doing: Application

- Discuss what it looks like to sow seed when you are at home, work, running errands, with friends, etc. Throw out a challenge to sow seed wherever you go this week, even if it is just little seeds and then make a concerted effort to do this wherever you go and whoever you are with!