



Sunday, September 13, 2020
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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR MARK 4:1-34

1. If you hear and understand the Word of the Lord it is a gift from God. Read v. 11-12. Why is it a gift not only to hear but also to understand the Word of the Lord? How often are you amazed by that reality?
2. Answer the following question: When something's unclear to me in Scripture, I _____.
3. In your personal life this past week, what is one way in which you heard and responded to God's Word?
4. What usually keeps you from hearing and responding to God's Word?
5. Why do you think Jesus used seeds in His parables? What does the seed represent? Who does the soil represent? Who is the sower in the parable? What kind of soil are you? How do you respond to God's Word?
6. What does Jesus want to teach us about God's Kingdom through the parables in Mark 4? Seed sower, the lamp, seed growing, and the mustard seed.
7. There are some surprising things about God's ways in this passage. Is there anything offensive to you in Jesus' parables or His explanation of them? If so, what? What does this reveal about our ways and God's ways?
8. What opportunities is God giving us to sow the seeds of his Word in others? In whose lives are you currently sowing God's Word?
9. It is often discouraging when people don't respond like we want when we share God's Word with others. What help can you find from this passage for someone who is discouraged?
10. How is the parable of the mustard seed encouraging for those who are working and praying for the expansion of the Kingdom of God?

APPLICATION

This week, by God's grace and in His power, we will _____.