



August 23, 2015

Hope In The Seeds

Mark 4:1-9, 13-20

Sermon Response:

[Q] Discuss: What insight, principle or observation from this weekend's message did you find to be: Most helpful? Eye opening? Troubling? Challenging? Explain.
Is there any action you want to take as a result of the worship time or message?

[Q] Have you planted anything this summer? How is it going?

Read Mark 4:1-9, 13-20.

[Q] Jesus explains the dangers to fruitfulness of the Word in a person's life and heart. What effect does each danger have and why?

- Satan
- trouble or persecution
- the cares of the world
- the deceitfulness of riches
- the desires for other things

The good hearer welcomes the Word:

immediately so that it cannot be snatched away by Satan.

deeply so that it is not withered by persecution.

exclusively so that other concerns do not strangle it.

David Garland, *Mark: The NIV Application Commentary*

[Q] What is the key to bearing good fruit according to Jesus in [Luke 6:43-45?](#)

[Q] Could there be a rocky area of your life where the Word of God is bouncing off a hard place and not taking root? If so, where?

[Q] What do you need to do to till the soil so your spiritual life is productive? What crop do you want to produce?

Read 1 Peter 1:22-25.

[Q] What is the fruit produced in verse 22? Where does it come from?

[Q] How has the Word of the Lord brought you hope?

Read 1 Corinthians 3:5-9.

[Q] Who is really responsible for growth? Why might we forget that?

[Q] How is seed scattering a kind of fruitfulness?

[Q] Are you scattering seeds? How can we encourage one another?

...set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you
at the revelation of Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 1:13 ESV

Pray for the seeds to root deeply in us and others.
