

## A Soul Café verse by verse teaching through the Gospel of Mark

### Message 6: Fruit comes from follow through

#### Passage: Mark 4: 1-20

#### Intro:

#### 4: 1-2

Jesus begins to use p\_\_\_\_\_ - a new teaching strategy.

It denotes a placing beside of one thing beside another with the thought of comparison.

#### 4: 3-9

There is one s\_\_\_\_\_ and one s\_\_\_\_\_, but the s\_\_\_\_\_ is what varies. The only difference is how the seed is received.

#### Four types of soil:

**One:** The W\_\_\_\_\_ -beside the road-the beaten path along the road. The soil would be very hard in this place and unplowed.

Here seed would remain on the surface where it would quickly be snatched up by the birds that followed the sower. The seed does not sprout at all.

**Two:** R\_\_\_\_\_ ground- shallow soil on top of rock beds-typical in the land of Israel

The seed is unable to penetrate the rock so the sprouting seed could not take root and when the sun hit it, it was scorched. Plus, there was no nourishment in the thin coating of soil. The see sprouts but quickly withers.

**Three:** T\_\_\_\_\_ soil- soil infested with thorns and weeds.

The fast-growing weeds/thorns choked out the spouting grain. The weeds/thorns may have been cut down, but their roots remained, and they quickly grew back. The seed sprouts and grows but yields no fruit because it is choked out before the fruit can emerge.

**Four:** G\_\_\_\_\_ soil- fertile soil that is well-plowed, deep, and free from weeds

#### 4: 10-12

Ears h\_\_\_\_\_ but the heart a\_\_\_\_\_.

The soil determines the f\_\_\_\_\_ of the seed.

#### Isa. 6: 9-10

Spiritual b\_\_\_\_\_ is the trait of the one who hears and does not respond and obey.

#### 4: 13-20

The parable was given to the c\_\_\_\_\_, but the interpretation was given only to the c\_\_\_\_\_.

There are four kinds of people illustrated by the four kinds of soil:

**One:** I\_\_\_\_\_: Those who are hardened to the Word and do not accept it. The gospel takes no hold on them. The seed is stolen.

**Two:** S\_\_\_\_\_: Those who are shallow and are unwilling to make any sacrifice for the gospel. The gospel takes only temporary hold on them. The seed is starved.

**Three:** H\_\_\_\_\_ -h\_\_\_\_\_: Those whose lives are filled with so many distractions that they don't take time for the Word. The gospel takes a disputed hold on them. The seed is strangled.

**Four:** R\_\_\_\_\_: Those who take what they hear, apply it to their lives and produce fruit as a result. The seed is successful.

#### **Fruitfulness:**

*Ps. 1: 1-3, John 15: 4-5, Col. 1: 5-6*

## SMALL GROUP LESSON

### LOOK BACK:

How would you describe your current ability to hear God speak through His Word?

### LOOK UP:

**One:** How does the preparation of your heart affect the fruit that comes from your life?

**Two:** What is distracting you these days from listening to God?

**Three:** What do you sense the Lord speaking into your life these days?

**Four:** What could you do to better hear God through His Word?

### LOOK FORWARD:

What changes are you willing to make this week to best hear the spirit of the Lord through His Word?