## The Gospel of Mark

## Scripture: Mark 4: 1-20

Also: Mark 10:45; Romans 10:17; Matthew 28:19.

## Questions

- 1. What has challenged you, changed you or confused you from this week's sermon or the Scriptures in it?
- 2. What are some steps towards having a good, productive garden?
- 3. Few people are gardeners these days, even less are farmers. What are some other situations in which people expect a good return on their investment or effort?
- 4. Read Mark 4:1-20.
- 5. The sermon is titled "It All Starts With Hearing."
  - Are you a good listener?
  - On a scale of 1-10, how would people (family, friends, coworkers, neighbors) rate your hearing skills?
  - You don't have to answer every one of these questions, but thinking these through can help you know how you're doing. Think about the last three conversations you had, and consider:
    - Did you pay attention, or were you distracted?
    - Did you make eye contact?
    - Did you ask follow-up questions?
    - Could you summarize what the person said?
    - While they were talking, were you just waiting for your turn to talk?
    - Would those you spoke with think that you actually heard them?
  - How good are you at listening to/hearing God?
- 6. Disciples don't just hear the gospel. They hear it and do something with it.
- 7. Disciples receive the Gospel
  - This could mean in your life overall, or in certain areas of your life. For instance you could be very open to hear and respond to God's call to worship Him, but not very open to hear and respond to God's call to serve others. Is there an area of your life where you resist the Gospel?
  - o Can you share a recent story of when you heard God and obeyed?
- 8. Disciples share the Gospel.
  - If you're not sharing the gospel, why?
  - What can you do to sow seed wherever God has placed you?

## • Who are you praying for that you might have an opportunities to share the Gospel with them?