



Bible Study: Gospel of Mark

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Brief Review:

- **Jesus has healed, delivered, restored, and forgiven**
- **News about Him has spread; crowds respond**
- **He challenged their thinking**
- **He appointed the Twelve**
- **Tensions are mounting**

Chapter 4

Vv. 1-2 – Background on Parables

Vv. 3-20 – The Sower and the Seed

- Vv. 3-8: The sower went out to sow
 - Along the path
 - Rocky places
 - Among thorns
 - Good soil
- V. 9: Whoever has ears to hear
- Vv. 10-13: The secret has been given to you
- Vv. 14-20: The parable explained

Vv. 21-25 – A Lamp on a Stand

Vv. 26-29 – A Growing Seed

Vv. 30-34 – The Mustard Seed

Breakout Questions

1. In the parable of the sower and the seed, the thorns were described as “the worries of this life” and “the desires for other things”. What do you find pulling at you and threatening to choke out the truth in your life?
2. In order to be seed sown in good ground, we must not only think on and learn from the Word we hear, but also take ownership of it and speak it out to others. Which is more difficult to do? What part of this keeps you from producing a more excellent harvest?
3. What makes us want to hide the light we have? How can we be more intentional about putting the light of Jesus on a lampstand for all to see?
4. How are we like the farmer that scatters the seed but doesn’t really understand the process of growth? Do we have to understand it all in order for it to work?
5. Jesus used examples from everyday life to teach people Biblical truths. What ordinary experiences has He used in your life to bring His message into clearer focus?