



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Have you ever done any gardening? If so, what do you have to do to be successful with your garden?

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Please read Mark 4:1-12.
 - a. What are the four different types of soils?
 - b. How are they different from each other?
3. Describe the Kingdom of God.
4. Please read Mark 4:13-20.
 - a. What does a person look like today who has the first type of soil as a heart?
 - b. What role does Satan play with this person?
 - c. What is Satan's strategy?
 - d. How does he do this?
 - e. What are some other insights you might have?
5. What does a person with the second soil look like today?
 - a. Have you ever tried to plant something that had rocky soil? What happened?
 - b. What happens to the seed?
 - c. What emotion is connected with this person?
 - d. Have you ever seen someone be super excited about church, then they fall away?
 - e. What are modern day troubles and persecution that could impact this person?
6. What are thorns?
 - a. How is this soil different from the first two?
 - b. How would you describe worry?
 - c. What is "deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things?"
 - d. What does it mean to "choke?"



7. Why do you think people allow thorns and God's word to grow together?
 - a. What are some signs that someone might have two seeds (thorns and God's word) in them?

8. What does a 30X person look like?
 - a. What does a 60X person look like?
 - b. What does a 100X person look like?

9. Which type of soil are you? Why?

10. What changes do you need to make in your life?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- Experiencing the Kingdom of God is dependent on your ability to listen.
- The preacher isn't the problem, it's your heart...that's the problem. You choose the condition of your heart.
- You can intellectually hear God's message, and be unchanged.
- You have to allow God's word to germinate your heart.
- Satan's agenda is to take away what God is telling you.
- Trouble and persecution expose the depth of your walk with God. It exposes your roots.
- God doesn't want to share your worship with anything or anyone else.