

How's Your Listening?

30 AD: The Jesus Story – Week 4

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Mark 4:1-20

Hearing is an act of the _____.

Listening is an act of the _____

and a reflection of the _____.

Mark 4:1-3

What Kind of Listener Am I?

1. A _____ listener.

Mark 4:4, Mark 4:10,13-15

2. A _____ listener.

Mark 4:5-6, Mark 4:16-17

3. A _____ listener.

Mark 4:7, Mark 4:18-19

4. A _____ listener.

Mark 4:8-9, Mark 4:20

GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS

Mark 4:21-41

Please remember to bring your Bible and this sheet with you!

Warm up Question

What did you find insightful, eye-opening or troubling from this week's sermon?

Into the Text

What is Jesus referring to when he speaks about a lamp on a stand? Reread verse 24-25? What do you think Jesus is talking about? Earthly wealth? Faith? Love? Defend your answer.

In the parable of the growing seed, what do the following represent? The farmer? The seed? The ripened grain? The harvest? What does this parable say in regards to the growing of faith(see verse 27)?

Read verses 30-34. What does the mustard seed represent? Why does Jesus only speak in parables? Why does Jesus explain the parables to his disciples and not others?

Read verses 35-41. How could Jesus be sleeping in the middle of a storm? What does this reveal about him?

God's Word for my Daily Life

At what stage are you in regards to your faith? Still a seed? Sprouting? Outgrowing the weeds? Producing a harvest?

In your own words, define what the kingdom of God is. Does knowing that the growth of the kingdom is ultimately in God's hands cause you to rest or work more? Why?

God is the one who makes your seed of faith grow. How does this bring you comfort?

What storms have erupted in your life recently? How do you react when it seems Jesus is asleep in your life?

Homework:

- Read Mark 5 write down 3 questions you might have from the chapter.
- Find time this next week to encourage a friend who is dealing with a storm in life.