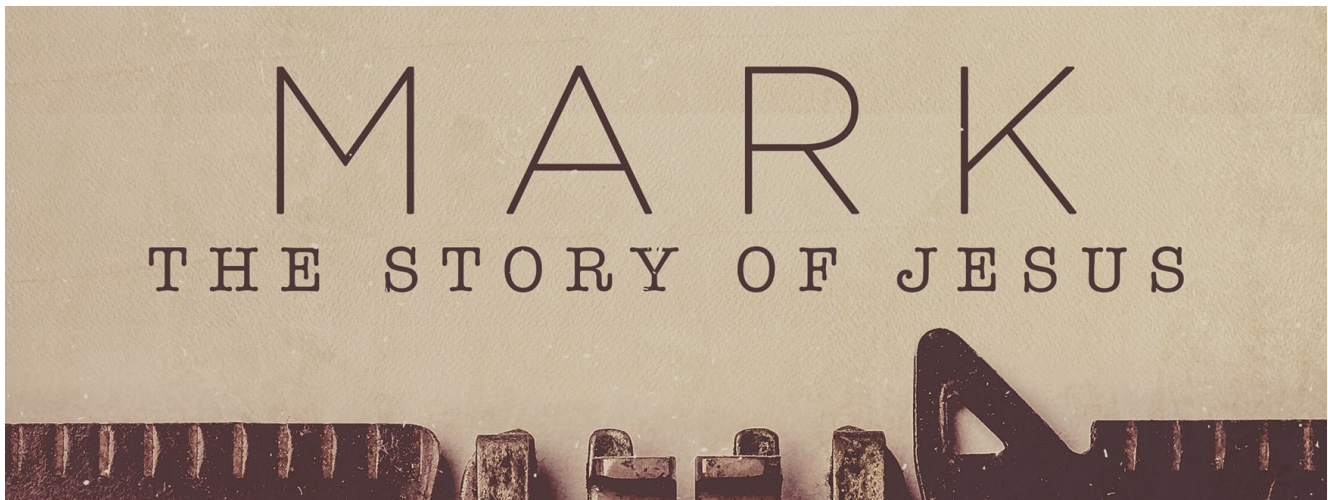


DISCUSSION QUESTIONS



These questions are designed to extend the impact of the Sunday message. Feel free to use them for your personal study time, your family, or your Family Group.

MESSAGE OVERVIEW

People respond differently to God. We see this all the time. Some people are interested in God, some people aren't. There were a variety of responses to Jesus in Mark. Jesus describes why some people respond differently than others in Mark 4:1-20. This is the critical question: what kind of soil are you?

READ MARK 4:1-20

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The seed that falls on the path never takes root in the first place. What do you think makes some people more or less receptive to the idea of Jesus?

The seed that falls on rocky soil cannot survive hard times because of the shallow ground. What could shake someone's faith to the point where that faith is lost?

The seed that falls among thorns survives, but it never bears any fruit. What is it about "the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desire for other things" that makes the good news stop with us instead of spreading to others?

The seed that falls in the rich soil multiplies itself in the crop it produces. What do you think that "crop" is?

What kind of soil do you think you were when you first heard the good news? What kind do you think you are now?

APPLICATION

What is God saying to you through this passage of Scripture?

In light of what you've experienced, how are you going to be different in the future?