

Growth Teams

Week Beginning
Sunday 4th October 2015

Going deeper

Paul, the apostle, spent many years travelling around preaching the word. In a sense he took on the role of the sower of the seed of God's word and longed to see the harvest in different places.

These verses are the opening of his letter to the Romans and in it we see some of his passion for 'sowing the seed'.

Read Romans 1:8-17

5. Read verses 8-11. What would you say Paul's passion was?
6. What do you think Paul means when he says that he wants to have a 'harvest' (vs. 13) among them?
7. In what sense is Paul bound both to 'Greeks and non-Greeks' (vs. 14)?
8. Why is the gospel so powerful (vs. 16-17)?
9. If you met Paul in person, how do you think he might encourage you to join with him in spreading the gospel?

Now turn over and do 'Applying it to our lives'.

Growth Teams

Growth Teams are a wonderful opportunity to go deeper with other Christians. They are a great place to build real friendships and support networks, to pray for one another and to look more carefully at the topics we consider on a Sunday.

Why not make Growth Teams your +1 involvement at St. Luke's? Now - at the start of a new term - is an ideal time to give one a try. Check out the list below. If there's not one at a time that suits then have a chat with Paul and we'll see what we can do.



**Growing in Christ
to glorify God
and enjoy Him forever.**

Mark 4:1-20 (page 1005)

Space to take notes on the talk

The Seed is _____

How do you _____?

❖ H_____ Heart

❖ S_____ Heart

❖ D_____ Heart

❖ G_____ Heart

Starter question

- What kind of radio station do you most like listening to?

Responding to the talk

1. As you reflect on this week's talk, what one principle or insight stands out as being particularly helpful, insightful or difficult to grasp?
2. Read Mark 4:1-12
 - a. Do you think you would have understood the parable when you first heard it?
 - b. Why do you think Jesus emphasises the need to listen (vs. 3,9)?
 - c. Read 3:22, 28-30; 34-35. Who are those on the inside and who are those on the outside (vs. 10-12)?
 - d. What effect do the parables have on these two groups?
3. Read Mark 4:13-19
 - a. What is the same about each of the 3 parts of the Parable?
 - b. What different reasons are given for the word failing?
 - c. Which of these reasons is most common today?
4. Read Mark 4:20
 - a. How is the fourth part of the Parable different?
 - b. The yield is much higher than you would expect from a seed. Why do you think Jesus talks about such high yields?

If there is time, you may like to do the 'Going deeper' questions over the page. Otherwise please just jump to questions 10 and 11.

Applying it to our lives

10. In what ways might we be in danger of not listening carefully enough to Jesus's word?
11. How does this Parable stop us becoming discouraged in our attempts to share the gospel?