



THRIVE CHURCH

GROWTH GROUP STUDY GUIDE | FOLLOW

TITLE: SEEING THROUGH FAITH

SCRIPTURE: MARK 4:1-20

One Thing Follow-up

Following Jesus=having a faith that alignes us with God's work and gets us moving.

Q. Share how following Jesus has aligned you with God's work and got you moving.

Opening

As Christians, Scripture is our guide. This means all Scripture, not just the warm and fuzzy parts. Scripture can be hard, convicting. Everything we need to know about God and everything God has to say to Christians can be found on the pages of Scripture.

Series Review

We are continuing our series called "Follow". We will use this series to help us to understand what it means to not only follow Jesus, but to be a true disciple. This series should help us to reexamine what it means to follow Jesus and commit to wherever it leads and whatever it costs.

Review the Message

Jesus gives us an unexpected insight that changes the way we see the world around us, or at least gives us guidance for how we can improve the way we process life.

Q. How is the above statement true in your life?

Read Mark 4:1-9

Q. Who is the sower here? Why is this important?

Q. Do we sow as well? How?

Q. How did the "seed" come to you?

Read Mark 4:13-20

The parable is a picture of the Kingdom of God breaking into our world through Jesus. Jesus is the sower. Some seed goes to waste, but other seed, by God's power, produces an incredible harvest.

Q. Explain how this parable affects every other parable.

Q. Share times when you have felt like each type of seed.

The difference between the lost seed and the faithful seed depends on hearing in faith.

Hearing, receiving, and bearing fruit are the marks of discipleship.

Mark 4:10-12

Jesus says the “secret of the Kingdom of God” has been given to the disciples. It is through divine revelation and apart from that we cannot figure this out ourselves.

Q. Share how you were given “the secret.”

If you want to see the world rightly, if you want to understand what God is doing, listen and stay close to Jesus.

Q. Share how your view of the world has changed the closer you have gotten to Jesus.

God’s work in Jesus is effective and will produce an incredible harvest.

Q. How has Jesus’ work produced an incredible harvest in you?

Living It Out Application

How do we listen to Jesus with faith? How do we see the world differently through faith? What do we expect?

Q. What is God saying to you through this lesson?

Q. What will you do about it this coming week?

Q. How can we help you?

Prayer:

Q. Are there any specific things we need to pray about or needs to focus on?