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24 Mar 24 | Spiritual Productivity | Mark 4:1-34 | Nelson Schonfeldt

Groups & Families Discussion Questions

Follow along with the sermon and use these questions to dive a little deeper with your group, with your families at home or for your own personal reflection.

Sermon Notes: Can you identify the main point, the subpoints and application of today's message?

Life Group Questions

1. Conversation starter: Rate your top 3 fruits. Using a 3-2-1 voting system (3 points for best, 1 point for 3rd best), what is the favourite fruit of your group?
2. Read Mark 4:10-11. Why is the secret of the kingdom best explained by the delay in the coming of the Davidic kingdom? (See Mk 1:15; Acts 1:6. *For a review of the Davidic Covenant, see 2 Sam 7:4-16*)
3. What are parables and why was Jesus using them? When did he begin to use them? Is the text teaching that Jesus wants to prevent outsiders from becoming insiders? Why/why not?
4. In what ways is it a privilege and a help to know Christ and God's programme?
5. Jesus taught that as we wait for the kingdom, we are to live spiritually productive lives (i.e. bear fruit). What is at stake if we don't? (And what's not at stake?)
6. What kind of "soil" do you have? Which of the distractions to the word do you find most distracting?
7. Read Mark 4:26-32. What is God's part in spiritual productivity? How would this have encouraged a small, obscure group in Galilee? How does this encourage you?
8. What specific area of your life will you "do what you can and trust God with what you can't"? Can we help/pray/follow up?