

## Argyle LifeGroup Discussion Guide

### Week 3

#### "The Story of Jesus: No Ordinary Man"

1. What are some of your experiences with trying to grow something?

2. "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

How can we hear with our heart?

3. "A parable is an earthly story with a heavenly meaning."

Discuss.

4. Read the parable

Mark 4:3-9 (NIV)

3 "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed."

4 "As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up."

5 "Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow."

6 "But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root."

7 "Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain."

8 "Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."

9 Then Jesus said, "Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear."

Then Jesus explained what the parable meant beginning with verse 14.

Mark 4:14-20 (NIV)

14 "The farmer sows the word."

15 "Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown.

As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them."

16 "Others, like seed sown on rocky places,  
hear the word and at once receive it with joy."

17 "But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or  
persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away."

18 "Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;

19 but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other  
things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful."

20 "Others, like seed sown on good soil,  
hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—  
some thirty, some sixty,  
some a hundred times what was sown."

4. Discuss the four kinds of hearts in this parable:

The hard heart

The shallow heart

The crowded heart

The healthy heart

5. Discuss this statement:

"I need to make sure that my life is planted  
in the good, rich, fertile soil of God's community"