

# Be The Bridge

## Small Group Study

**Focus Verses:** Mark 4:1-20

**Opening discussion:** Do you have a favorite parable?

If so, what do you like about that particular parable?

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. How do you feel about Jesus' teachings being given in parables? (Mark 4:1-2)
2. Why did Jesus teach in parables? (Mark 4:11-12)
3. How can you better understand Jesus' parables? (Mark 4:13)
4. How does Jesus' Word get sown into our souls? (Mark 4:3)
5. What are some things which can prevent the Word from taking root in our hearts? (Mark 4:4, Mark 4:15)
6. Why do some people get excited when they hear the scriptures, but their joy and interest fade away quickly? (Mark 4:5-6, Mark 4:16-17)
7. Name some worries or deceitful things that choke the Word of God out of a person's life. (Mark 4: 7, Mark 4:18-19)
8. What kinds of actions can cause a person's walk with God to become unfruitful? (Mark 4:6, Mark 4:18-19)
9. When God's word is fruitful in our lives, what kind of crop will we yield? (Mark 4:8, Mark 4:20)
10. How diligently do you seek to hear and understand God's word?  
How much time do you feel you should spend with Jesus each week? (Mark 4:9)
11. When you stumble, do you turn away from God or run toward God? Why? (Mark 4:12)
12. What are some reasons people run away from God when they sin? (Mark 4:12)
13. What benefits do we experience when we turn toward God for help? (Mark 4:12)
14. How can you cultivate the seed Jesus planted in you, and sow it in the lives of others?

### **For further growth:**

Commit to being more fruitful with God's Word by planting seeds in other people's lives. Think about how you can share God's Word with others. Share the Word or talk about Jesus with at least one person within the next week.

Challenge yourself to share the Word with at least one person each week!

### **Closing Prayer**