



Groundwork
Mark 5

CHANGE THE WORLD

One Person at a Time



Bear Fruit ONE AT A TIME



Christlikeness & Reproduction

It Takes Groundwork to Bear Fruit **Bearing Fruit Begins with Good Soil** "God, what do You want to do through me?" "God, what do You want to do in me?" IN, THEN THROUGH

Mark 4:14-20 NIV

The farmer sows the word. Some Ma 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. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. 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.

Mark 4:14-20 NIV

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



HARDENED Trampled Soil



Cynical or Stubborn Unable to Take it In

As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away...

Complacency & Hard-Heartedness Are a Dangerous Threat

No Interest, Resentment, Resistant to Self-Reflection



SHALLOW Rocky Soil



We Sense God Leading But the Prompting Fades Away

But since they have no root, they last only a short time.

Spiritual Disciplines
Jesus Modeled IN, THEN THROUGH

Discipleship: Becoming Like Him Deeper Love



OVERCROWDED Thorny Soil



There is Competition

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Start Pulling Weeds Repentance, Confession, Accountability

Simplify Your Life

Give God Space to Work in You So that He can Work Through You



...hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop



Bear Fruit Abundantly

God, More than Anything Else,
I Want You to Use me to _____

What Did God Already Say? What Lessons have you Learned?

Invite God to Do Something In You GROUNDWORK