



*Rob Burke - Oct. 23, 2016*

***Notes: Mark 4:1-20 (NIV)***

Necessary **groundwork before investing**

**Grace** does not **discriminate**

The **return** is **worth** the **risk** of temporary **loss**

## Life Group Discussion Questions

Sunday, October 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

Prayer walk reminder: Last week Pastor Rob challenged us all to get out a pray for our church and community. Please remind your group about getting out to pray around the north campus or to be praying from home. Also if you have not gone as a life group, try to find a time that you can go together to pray for the church and community.

### **Digging Deeper:**

1. Read Mark 4: 1-8- What are some things that stand out to you in these verses?
2. What does the “seed” represent? How does the farmer go about scattering the seed? How are we to go about scattering the “seed”?
3. Describe what each type of soil in the story represents?
4. Look again at verse 8, what does Jesus mean that it multiplied 30, 60 or even 100 times?

### **Life Application:**

1. How do we prepare ourselves to be the “good soil”? What are some things that hinder us from being the “good soil”? Why is it hard for us to do the necessary groundwork that sometimes needs to be done in our own lives?
2. Rob talked about how a good investment has a good return. What do you think that means? How have you seen this to be true?
3. What are some practical ways we can go about sharing our faith with others? What are some things that hold us back from sharing our faith with others?
4. Do you have any stories or experiences of times you have shared with others and it was successful? What about not successful?
5. How might God want to use us and our church to help share with others in our community and in the world? Have you ever thought of a “Bucket List” for God and His kingdom? What would you have on it?

Spend time praying for each other and that God will use us to share His love with others.