**Mark 4:1-20**

**“Sowing the Seed”**

**Discussion Questions**

1. What is a silly thing you have found yourself asking Jesus to give you?
2. Why were the crowds getting so large coming to see Jesus?
3. What were the things that prevented people from having ears or hearing?
4. Tell of a time when you found yourself not listening, perhaps to your spouse, parent, friend etc.
5. Since we can’t see the soil of people’s hearts how is Jesus telling us we should sow?
6. Reread verses 11-12 and then read Isaiah 6. Some commentators say verse 12 is the hardest verse in all of Mark. Talk about what you have learned about Jesus quoting Isaiah 6.
7. Describe the things that prevent our developing a deep rich soil (verses 15-19).
8. How can we help each other engage in cultivating listening hearts?
9. Share a recent story of sowing with an unbelieving friend. If you don’t have a recent story, talk about how we can become more generous sowers.