

3. What are the four types of soil mentioned in Mark 4:3-20 and what do each represent?

**4. Which one of the ways to pay more attention to God's word mentioned in today's message or listed at [CornerstoneNH.org/1117](http://CornerstoneNH.org/1117) can you apply this week? How can your group help you?**

5. Pray and ask the Lord to show you what you need to know and what you need to do in response to what you've heard and read this week. Write here what comes to mind. Share your answer with your group if appropriate.

## IN YOUR GROUP

In your Cornerstone Community group this week, discuss your answers to the ON YOUR OWN questions. In a one-hour online group session, you might spend a 10-15 minutes catching up, 40 minutes talking through the discussion questions above, and 15-20 minutes praying for one another and planning ways the group can meet needs and serve others.

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## Growth Guide

FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21, 2021

## CONNECT AT CORNERSTONE

We want to encourage, inform, and connect with you! Go to [CornerstoneNH.org](http://CornerstoneNH.org) and click on the New Here? link. (You can also text NEW to 603-225-2550.)

Ready for the Next Step? Exciting possibilities await. What's next could be more like a restart than a return. Will you be a part of it? Sign up to serve! Text ME to 603-225-2550 to let us know to count you in for what's next!

LIFE. BETTER.

FOLLOWING JESUS MAKES LIFE BETTER  
AND MAKES YOU BETTER AT LIFE.

## TODAY'S MESSAGE INSIGHT

TODAY: INSIGHT • MARK 4:3-9; 21-32

THE BOTTOM LINE

THE \_\_\_\_\_ YOU LISTEN, THE  
\_\_\_\_\_ UNDERSTANDING YOU WILL  
BE \_\_\_\_\_

Then he added, "Pay close attention to what you hear."

The closer you listen, the more understanding  
you will be given—Mark 4:24 NLT

*King & Cross: The Messiah or Christ was the promised kingly representative of God who would set his people free and put things right. But Jesus is the king who secures justice through the cross.*

## HOW IT STARTED: TEACHING, HEALING & PRAYING

The people were amazed at his teaching, for **he taught** with real authority— Mark 1:22a NLT

So **Jesus healed** many people who were sick with various diseases, and he cast out many demons. – Mark 1:34a NLT

Before daybreak the next morning, Jesus got up and went out to an isolated place to **pray**. – Mark 1:35 NLT

## HOW IT'S GOING:

At once the Pharisees went away and met with the supporters of Herod to plot how to **kill** Jesus. –Mark 3:6 NLT

Judas Iscariot (who later **betrayed** him). – Mark 3:19 NLT

When his family heard what was happening, they tried to take him away. "**He's out of his mind**," they said. – Mark 3:21

But the teachers of religious law who had arrived from Jerusalem said, "He's **possessed** by Satan..." – Mark 3:22a NLT

**LISTENING IMPLIES** \_\_\_\_\_

Anyone who chooses to **do** the will of God will find out whether my teaching comes from God or whether I speak on my own.  
– John 7:17 NIV

## JESUS GIVES THE INSIGHT YOU NEED TO UNDERSTAND THE PROBLEMS YOU FACE

He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secret of the Kingdom of God...." – Mark 4:11a NLT

**THE PROBLEM IS THE SOIL NOT THE SEED**

And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"  
– Mark 4:20 NLT

**EVENTUALLY THE FOG WILL CLEAR**

Then Jesus asked them, "Would anyone light a lamp and then put it under a basket or under a bed? ...For everything that is hidden will eventually be brought into the open..."

– Mark 4:21a, 22a NLT

## BUT IT'S GOING TO TAKE SOME TIME

First a leaf blade pushes through, then the heads of wheat are formed, and finally the grain ripens. – Mark 4:28b NLT

It is like a mustard seed planted in the ground. It is the smallest of all seeds, but it becomes the largest of all garden plants; it grows long branches, and birds can make nests in its shade."

– Mark 4:31-32 NLT

Saying "YES!" to Jesus? Text **YES** to **603-225-2550**

*Let us celebrate your decision  
& resource you for your new life in Christ.*

## THE CHALLENGE

**GIVE SOME MORE** \_\_\_\_\_

**TO** \_\_\_\_\_

For ideas, see [CornerstoneNH.org/1117](http://CornerstoneNH.org/1117)

## ON YOUR OWN

Answer these questions this week to reflect and go deeper.  
TALK IT OVER with friends right now, using the questions highlighted in **bold**.

**1. What decision are you facing now for which you need insight or wisdom?**

**2. The Bottom Line comes directly from Mark 4:24 (NLT). See if you can quote it from memory. What does listening imply?**