

Lifegroup Questions

Mark Chapter 4

Read Mark chapter 4, then watch video by Dr Keith Warrington.

1. From your reading of chapter 4, do you have any questions? Were there any surprises or revelations?

2. What does this chapter reveal about our 4 questions?

- ~ Why did the author write this?
- ~ What did it mean for his readers?
- ~ What does it reveal about Jesus?
- ~ What does it mean for you?

3. Read Mark 4:2, 34. Why did Jesus teach in parables? In which ways do parables reveal truth and conceal truth? When Jesus was asked about his use of parables (see v10) he gave them a surprising answer (see v11-12). What do you think was his point? In which ways might parables be, as Steve said, “. . . designed to tease us and get under our skin”?

4. Steve suggested that one of the best ways to grow spiritually and become more mature in the faith is through self-discovery (rather than being spoon-fed!). Has this been your experience? Share of a time when you started studying the scriptures and how your spiritual devotions have had an impact on your faith? Do you have a tendency towards being spoon-fed rather than self-discovery?

5. What was the challenge of the parable of the sower (v1-20) for you? What four words did Steve use to describe the four types of heart (human responses to the message of Christ)?

6. What do the other parables (v21-34) mean? Don't rush this question!

7. Read 4:35-41. Why do you think that Mark included this story in his gospel? If you had been one of the disciples on the boat, how do you think you would have felt? What would be your view of Jesus after the stilling of the storm? How might this passage apply to your life today?

8. What are the lessons of this chapter for you to apply in your life?