

Small Groups Study Guide:

Read the entire Passage first: Mark 4:1-20

- Looking back at your notes from this week’s teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged or confused you?
- What did God speak to you during the sermon?

This is not elementary but foundational

The more we listen, the softer our heart is to hear

We need to hear with our ears, and with our hearts

As apprentices of Jesus, we must be doers of the Word

A parable gives the hearer sight, then insight

There is a paradoxical aspect to parables

As servants we sow seed like the Savior did

Hard path = A callous heart

Rocky ground= A Shallow heart

Thorny ground= A Crowded heart

Good Ground= A Desperate heart

This weekend Pastor Shannon talked about how a fast start doesn’t guarantee a good finish. The Old Testament king named Uzziah is a sobering example of someone who crashed and burned after a great start. After reading about him in **2 Chronicles 26:1-22**, answer the following question.

- What stands out to you about Uzziah’s life in the first 15 verses of this chapter?
- In verse 16 we read about Uzziah’s downfall.
- What thoughts could you imagine might have gone through his head that contributed to his downfall?
- In what ways does Uzziah’s downfall resemble the points Pastor Shannon made in the sermon relating to the rocky and thorny soils?
- Can you think of some reasons that success can lead us away from God?

What is the ONE thing God is asking you to do this week?