

# DISCOVER JESUS WITH MARK

## LIFE GROUP MATERIAL

### Meeting no 6 THEME: The Word that the world needs.

**Prepare** yourself. Pray for your Life Group's meeting. Read **Mark 4:1-34**

**20.00 – 20.10 Start** Look back at last week. Were there moments that you were somehow, somewhere sowing the seed of God's Word? Where/when? If not: would there have been opportunities?

**20.10 – 20.15 Pray.**

Last week's theme was: unstoppable! What keeps you going? Here, in Jesus' teachings, we see what kept and keeps him going, despite the fact he was so often rejected or neglected: the vision of the upcoming (kingdom-)harvest.

**20.15 - 20.40 Bible passage:** Read Mark 4:1-34

Look again at 4:1-9

- Everyone wanted to touch Jesus (see 3:10). Where does Jesus prefer to touch us (4:3)?

Look again at 4:10-13

- Jesus speaks in parables. Isn't that meaningless, when the people wouldn't understand?

Look again at 4:14-20

- How – according to Jesus' explanation – will our lives become fruitful for God?

Look again at 4:21-25

- Though the Gospel of the Kingdom is a mystery, a secret (vs. 11), it must not be kept away from anyone. What do you learn here?

Look again at 4:26-29

- When the Word is sown, it will bear fruit, even though we don't know how. It is good to rely on this! And: this goes in a gradual process. It is good to rely on this. How does this encourage or exhort you?

Look again at 4: 30-34

- To be aware of: Often kingdom beginnings are very small. However, we should persevere and rely on God's promises, rather than to give up or to judge that it cannot result into anything.

**20.40 – 20.50 Digging deeper**

Read Galatians 6:6-10. Take two minutes of silence, ask God's Spirit to speak to your heart. If anyone wants to share a thought that came to your mind, feel free to share.

**20.50 – 21.00 End** the Life Group meeting with praying together.