

Daily Devotion Questions

Monday (5/18) — 2 Timothy 1:1-12

- No questions for today's reading.

Tuesday (5/19) — Mark 4:1-20

- Write a one sentence description of the spiritual condition described by the hard path and what happens to God's word when it falls on a heart like that. In what ways has your heart been like the hard path?
- Write a one sentence description of the spiritual condition described by the rocky soil and what happens to God's word when it falls on a heart like that. In what ways has your heart been like the rocky soil?
- Write a one sentence description of the spiritual condition described by the thorny soil and what happens to God's word when it falls on a heart like that. In what ways has your heart been like the thorny soil?

Wednesday (5/20) — Mark 4:35 - 5:20

- The disciples asked what amounted to a very disrespectful question of Jesus in 4:38. Their question led to very terse response from Jesus in 4:40. Spend a couple minutes re-reading these verses, and write down two or three things the disciples failed to take into consideration when they made their hasty remarks. What do these things teach you about your situation?
- What is the relationship between fear and faith (4:40)?
- Why do you think the local residents begged Jesus to leave their region (5:17)? Why do people today try so hard to distance themselves from Jesus and the things of God?
- Read Mark 5:1-17. Discuss as a family why the local residents begged Jesus to leave their region (5:17). What does this tell us about the lost people around us? How can we bridge the gap?

Thursday (5/21) — Mark 5:21 - 6:6

- Why do you think Jesus kept asking for the identity of the woman who had touched his garments (5:30-31)? Why did Jesus not just identify her? What do we learn from this (5:33-34)?
- One thing that strikes you as you read 5:25-42 is that Jesus was not fazed by death. He showed no hesitancy, fear or disturbance. He just quietly and quickly resurrected the young lady. Write down two ways Jesus' attitude gives you greater confidence as you prayerfully face your life's struggles.
- Why was Jesus not able to do mighty works in his home town (6:5-6)?
- Read Mark 6:1-6. How do you think what God does in our churches and our ministries is influenced by the faith of the people?

Friday (5/22) — Mark 6:7-44

- In 6:7, Jesus sends the disciples in pairs for ministry. He is still sending his people out. What do you believe he is sending you to do for him and for his Kingdom?
- When Jesus sent the disciples out (6:7-13) he sent them in pairs so they could encourage and hold each other accountable. Who can you invite to join you in some ministry or service project so that they will be encouraged and you will be more faithful?
- Re-read the story of Jesus feeding the five thousand (6:30-44). Write down three things we can learn from this event about the Lord and about serving the Lord.
- Read Mark 6:14-29. Did John the Baptist succeed or fail in his ministry? How do we measure success when we are serving the Lord?