

DCBC Sunday Sermon Small Group Questions

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1. The parable of the sower contains three types of threat that can prevent the word of God taking deep root and producing a harvest. Jesus experienced all three in Mark 1-3, and we will experience them too. They are satanic opposition, persecution, and the 'worries of this life'. For each one, answer the following questions:
 - i. Can you think of a time when you experienced this threat? What happened and how did you ensure that the word was not lost?
 - ii. Are you experiencing this threat right now? If so, how strong do you feel your faith is at the moment?
2. Is there anything else beyond these three categories that is a challenge or test of your faith, that might prevent you from persevering in the faith?
3. What do you think it means to 'hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop'? What do you think is the crop?
4. What are the practices, rhythms, or priorities that keep you in the faith for the long haul?