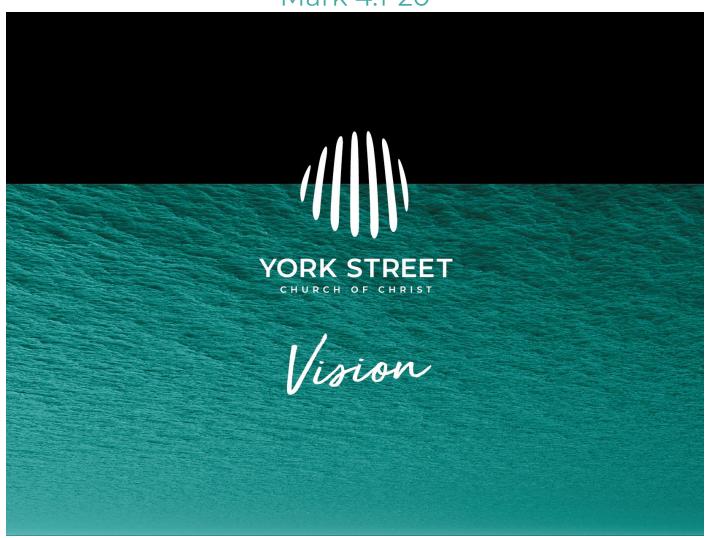
## **York St Small Groups**

## Sermon Based Studies

SUNDAY 15th March 2020

# Vision Series – We equip people to live, lead, and love, just as Jesus did

Mark 4:1-20



Please note that these studies are designed to be explored after hearing the Sunday Sermon and also to be accompanied by a time of prayer/sharing and supper.



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### **GETTING STARTED**

<b>Q1</b> . Who has been the most influential person in your life other than Christ?
<b>Q2</b> . Can you think of someone who intentionally invested time into you to develop you in a certain area? EG: a sports coach, a teacher or a mentor? How did they invest into you?

#### INTO THE WORD

**Q3**. Read Mark 4:1-9

Jesus often spoke in parables or "stories" why did He use stories with deeper meanings rather than saying it 'straight'?

#### Q4.

Who did Jesus address these stories too? EG: who is the audience? Why did He choose this group and not His disciples to tell stories to?

#### Q5.

How can we take Jesus' example and speak to our brothers and sisters in the faith compared to those outside of the faith?

#### **GOING DEEPER**

#### **Q6.** Read Mark 4:10-25

Jesus explains the 'Heart Condition' that we all face, and the authority and power of God's Word. How can we ensure that our 'soil' takes root, that it's not rocky, and that the thorns are taken away?

#### **Q7.** Read Psalm 139:23-24

If God was to stand next to you right now would He find anything offensive within your thoughts, intentions, or actions? How can we be more like Jesus so that *our thoughts* are like *His thoughts*? Will you commit to doing this?

#### **Prayer**

As a group will you commit to pray for each other this week, to keep each other accountable to the commitment that we made to become more like Jesus as we do the inner work of our heart?

God, give us the strength to become more like you, search our heart and teach us to live, lead and love as Jesus did. Amen.