

Green Thumb – Hard Soil
Weekend Discussion Questions
May 9-10, 2009

Community:

1. Are you into gardening?
2. Do you have a green thumb or a black one?
3. Who's yard do you really think looks better, Jim or Scott's?

Core:

1. Why do you think Jesus spoke in parables?
2. Why do you think Jesus chose the genre of farming/gardening so often?
3. Read Mark 4:1-8. What are your initial reactions to the story?
4. Why do you think this story needed explanation?
5. Read Mark 4:14-20. Does the explanation reveal anything unexpected?
6. Is the focus of the parable on the things that steal, crowd out, scorch or choke out the seed or is the focus on the condition of the soil? Why?
7. Read vs. 14-15 again. What causes hardness of heart?
8. Is there an area of your life that you've poured concrete over? Why?
9. Are you looking for God's will for your life? Are you open to it being different than what you hope or want it to be? Really?
10. What's your reaction to truth? Anger, blame, run away, embrace, wrestle with? Why do you think you react in specific ways to truth?
11. Read 2 Timothy 4:2-4. Are you looking for truth as revealed in the Bible or are you just looking to get your ears scratched?
12. If you were to open up to the truth, what are you afraid might happen?

Challenge:

- 1) Check out flatironslist to get involved with the community garden:
flatironschurch.com/garden
- 2) Sign up to serve for sharefest 2009 at flatironschurch.com/555

