

## Becoming Disciples

Mark 4 v 1-20

### 1. Listening to the Word

- a. Important we Hear - v9
- b. Important we Enjoy - Matthew 7v28-29
- c. Imperative we Act - Matthew 7v24-27

### 2. Receiving the Word

- a. Surface Deep - v4
- b. Surface Deeper

### 3. Retaining the Word

- a. Post Honeymoon - v5
- b. Facing Reality
- c. Encouragement and Support

### 4. Persevering in the Word - v7

- a. Honesty
- b. Friendship
- c. Solidarity

### 5. Acting on the Word - v20

- Matthew 7 v 24
- The one clear goal of Listening, receiving, retaining and persevering.

### Welcome

Think of one person who has had a major influence in your life. Share with the group how they influenced you.

### Worship

Play quiet background music, and use Psalm 119 to focus on gift of God's word. Read several verses then respond in silence and/or praise and thanksgiving. Be selective, it is a long Psalm.

### Word

1. Which do you find most helpful as you grow as a disciple, the Sunday service or your Cell Group and why?
2. What areas of your life would you like more teaching about in Church?
3. Can you think of better ways of receiving and understanding God's word than somebody just standing up and preaching when we come together on Sundays?

### Witness

Review again your "Oikos" lists. (Those you pray for who don't yet know Jesus). Think of ways that you could invite them to Alpha.