**When I Grow Up Discussion Questions**

Ice Breaker: When you were younger, what did you want to be when you grew up?

**Read: Mark 4:1-20**

**Discussion Questions**

* Why is this farmer spreading seed on rocky, weedy, and hard soils as well as good soil?
* What is the message being spread by the farmer and what does it mean?
* Why does Jesus say He speaks in parables?
* What does it look like to be the soil beside the road?
* What are some “rocks” that might hinder the growth that God offers?
* How do the weeds hinder the impact of God’s growth, and what does that imply?
* What is the end result of working to be good soil?
* What might the growth from Christ’s message look like in our lives?

**Application Questions**

* Good soil requires hard work. It requires removing the rocks that limit depth and removing weeds that choke away life. What does it look like to prepare our lives like good soil?
* Jesus’ message of growth is offered to anyone who is willing to hear, even soils that look incapable of growth are offered this message. What does this say both about Jesus and about the power of His message?
* Growth is something that we all will experience. How has God been growing you lately and what preparation have you had to do for that growth?