We Are Grounded

September 9-15

This sermon study is designed to be used the week after the sermon it supplements. Use the left side of this sheet to prepare for your group time. Use the right side to facilitate your group discussion. The purpose of this guide is to help your group, collectively and individually, grow closer to Jesus.

Planned Spiritual Experience
Talk with your group about being a part of Decision Weekend on September 22 and 23. Opportunities for your group to be involved include handing people towels and walking alongside them as they come out of the water, helping them fill out baptism forms, sharing their story, and making sure they have a great "out of the pool" experience. Send an email to FrankieBroome@compassaz.church if interested.

SERIES RECAP – #WeAreCompassAZ Our identity is important. It defines us, unites us, and gives us purpose.

SERMON SUMMARY
Jesus often taught in parables, stories to elicit important moral truths. Pastor Brian Jobe shares a message titled "We Are Grounded," a story about growth and grace. Discover the true meaning of what scholars believe to be the first recorded parable of Jesus in the New Testament.

SCRIPTURE FROM THE SERMON
- Mark 4:1-20
- I Peter 1:23
- Matthew 13:3, 18-23
- Acts 24:25
- Romans 1:21, 28
- Psalm 95:8
- Psalm 1:1-3
- Psalm 86:10
- Colossians 3:1
- John 3:16

STARTING THE DISCUSSION
If your group needs a "jumpstart" to get going, use the icebreaker or a simple open-ended question such as "What stood out to you most about this week's sermon?"

ICEBREAKER SUGGESTION
What experience do you have trying to grow plants (flowers, farming, personal garden, etc.)?

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS
1. What are the differences in the four types of soil?

2. Why do you think Jesus decided to tell this parable early on in His ministry?

3. Which of these soils do you want to describe your heart? Why?

4. Which of these soils do you feel actually describes your heart now? Why?

5. What is something you can do in your life to "deepen the roots" of Jesus in your heart?