



Red Letter “Don’t You Understand”

Gather:

Take the time to ask and answer these questions each week. They may be the same questions week to week, but we believe if truthfully answered, can reveal a lot about what God is doing in and through your lives.

- How am I doing loving the people God has given me to love?
- Why is God so good?

Change:

- Think back to the message and share what theme, verse, or point stuck out the most? Why? Remember to bring your Update to group to refresh your memory.
- Read Mark 4:1-20 using the “Devotional Method”. (This is a new method we’re going to look at. For the devotional method you simply read the passage and you meditate on it till the Holy Spirit shows you how to apply truths to your life. The goal is application not just interpretation.) Some points to consider while meditating on this.
 1. Spend time praying for insight on how to apply this truth to your life before you read.
 2. Meditate and share insights with each other. How should Jesus’s words affect our lives? Visualize the scene. Put yourself in the shoes of the disciples.
 3. Write out an application. Don’t just talk about it, actually write out action steps you can take.
 4. Memorize a key verse in this passage that can help you apply the truths you’ve learned.
- What kind of soil do you tend to be?
 1. Hardened v. 4
 2. Shallow v. 5
 3. Distracted v. 7
 4. Responsive v. 8
- What is the action step you can take for the Devotional Method to help you take a step at becoming a person that is responsive to God’s Word? Not that you would just be hearers of the Word, but also doers of the Word.

Serve:

- **How are you serving the people of Gainesville as a small group? Why not have a Christmas movie night for the neighborhood? [Signup Here](#).**
- If you haven't gone through the Growth Track at Shift, you are missing out! It is a fantastic path to learn more about God, learn about the mission of Shift church, as well as discover truths about your personality, gifting, and purpose. Classes are held in the Treehouse Kidz building following the 2nd service. Childcare is provided.