



Bizweni Church

# Roots & Fruit

## scripture for week

**Mark 4:7** | Other seed fell among the thorns, and the thorns came up and choked it, and it yielded no crop.

**Mark 4:18** | And others are the ones on whom seed was sown among the thorns; these are the ones who have heard the word, but the worries of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it becomes unfruitful.

## message for the week

Thorns & weeds might be unpleasant, but they serve a very specific purpose. They appear in order to reveal that the condition of the soil is in need of attention. Seed sown among weeds loses nutrients to the weeds.

When we experience worries and desires for worldly things, it reveals that our heart's condition is not right. We cannot bear fruit while our energy is focussed on worries and deceitful desires.

These worries and deceit can consume us if we do not return to God and allow Him to restore us. We need to shift our focus to God and allow Him to be the centre of our thoughts and desires. Our hearts (worship) should be set on Him alone and not on anything that He can do for or give us.

We are to seek Him first, and He promises to provide all we need.

## activity for the week

This week we are going to create toothpick sculptures.

Stick toothpicks together using any medium (mini marshmallows, pieces of apple, playdough, jelly babies etc) and come up with as many creative designs as you can. As you work with the toothpicks, be careful not to prick yourself, and ask God to help you identify any thorns or weeds that might be present in your heart.

Repent of these and ask God to restore the condition of your heart.

**Preparation for next week:** You will need a clear empty container (jam jar/coldrink bottle etc)



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# examples of toothpick sculptures

