

## Green Thumb – Thorny Soil

Weekend Discussion Questions

May 23-24, 2009

### Community:

1. What's your favorite thing to do on Memorial Day?
2. What's your favorite thing to grill in the summer?

### Core:

1. Read Mark 4:7,18-19. What stands out to you in these verses?
2. Why do you think Jesus considered "worries of this life" or "cares of this world" a thorn/weed?
3. In what way has worry had an affect on your life?
4. Read Matthew 6:25-34. Why do you think Jesus had so much to say about worry?
5. Scott said Jesus is talking about an extreme amount of concern for temporary things at the expense of eternal things. What does that look like in your life?
6. Scott said, "Worry is living under the illusion that you can control the outcomes of your life by simply worrying about them". Why do we fall into this trap?
7. Read Matthew 6:27 again. Why is this such a critical point that Jesus makes?
8. In what way is the level of our worry connected to the level of our faith?
9. Read Galatians 5:22. Do you see any of the fruit of the Spirit in your life when worry is out of control?
10. Read 1 Peter 5:6-7. Why is it so hard for us to humble ourselves?
11. Scott said, "Pride is the root of the weed of worry". Agree or disagree?
12. What is weighing you down right now? What would it look like for you to throw the full weight of that on God?
13. How do you know you can trust God with your worries?
14. What does Philippians 4:6-7 say God will give us in exchange for our worry? What doesn't this promise?
15. How can we participate in pulling the weed of worry out of our hearts? What can only God do?

### Challenge:

- 1) Join up with the community that is forming at the Flatirons Community Garden: [flatironschurch.com/garden](http://flatironschurch.com/garden)
- 2) Memorize 1 Peter 5:6-7
- 3) Check out flatironslist: [flatironschurch.com/flatironslist](http://flatironschurch.com/flatironslist)



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**Weekend Services** | Sat 5:00 & 6:30pm | Sun 9:00, 10:30 & 11:55am, 6:30pm