



Receive, Then Sow

Mark 4:1-34

October 11, 2026

The Gospel of

Mark

Jesus, Son of God

Receive, Then Sow

“Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written”

John 21:25



Receive, Then Sow

Parable: “a short simple story that teaches or explains an idea, especially a moral or religious idea”.

Cambridge Dictionary



Receive, Then Sow

1. The Gospel goes out for all to receive

Receive, Then Sow

He who has ears to hear let him hear

New Testament Exact Phrase

Matt 11:15
Mark 4:9
Luke 8:8
Luke 14:35
*Mark 7:16

New Testament Closely Related

Matt 13:9 Rev 2:29
Matt 13:43 Rev 3:6
Mark 4:23 Rev 3:13
Rev 2:7 Rev 3:22
Rev 2:11 Rev 13:9
Rev 2:17

Old Testament Variation

Ezk 3:27
Deut 29:4
Jer 5:21
Ezk 12:2
Ish 43:8
Ish 6:9-10
Ps 115:6
Ps 135:17
Ish 42:18-20

Receive, Then Sow

1. The Gospel goes out for all to receive
2. Believers are those who hear, accept and multiply the Gospel



Receive, Then Sow

“⁸ And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” Then I said, “Here I am! Send me.” ⁹ And he said, “Go, and say to this people:”

‘Keep on hearing,^[a] but do not understand;
keep on seeing,^[b] but do not perceive.’

¹⁰ Make the heart of this people dull,^[c]
and their ears heavy,
and blind their eyes;
lest they see with their eyes,
and hear with their ears,
and understand with their hearts,
and turn and be healed.”

Isaiah 6:8-10

Receive, Then Sow

- **Path: Hard Hearts Toward God**
- **Rocky Ground: Willing but undisciplined and unable to sustain through trials**
- **Thorns: Those who should be productive but are choked out by idols**
- **Productive Ground: Disciple makers who make Disciple makers**



Receive, Then Sow

“And when he was alone, those around him asked him about the parables” Mark 4:10



Receive, Then Sow

“And when he was alone, those around him asked him about the parables” Mark 4:10



Receive, Then Sow

- Am I being discipled?
- Am I being held accountable?
 - Am I growing in my faith?
 - Who am I discipling?
- Who am I doing life with?

Receive, Then Sow

1. The Gospel goes out for all to receive
2. Believers are those who hear, accept and multiply the Gospel
3. The Gospel is enough and does not rely on the wisdom of man



Receive, Then Sow

1. The Gospel goes out for all to receive
2. Believers are those who hear, accept and multiply the Gospel
3. The Gospel is enough and does not rely on the wisdom of man
4. **Believers are to be sowers and to let the harvest up to the Lord**



Receive, Then Sow

Joel 3:13

Put in the sickle,
for the harvest is ripe.
Go in, tread,
for the winepress is full.
The vats overflow,
for their evil is great.

¹⁴ Then I looked, and behold, a white cloud, and seated on the cloud one like a son of man, with a golden crown on his head, and a sharp sickle in his hand. ¹⁵ And another angel came out of the temple, calling with a loud voice to him who sat on the cloud, "Put in your sickle, and reap, for the hour to reap has come, for the harvest of the earth is fully ripe." ¹⁶ So he who sat on the cloud swung his sickle across the earth, and the earth was reaped.

¹⁷ Then another angel came out of the temple in heaven, and he too had a sharp sickle. ¹⁸ And another angel came out from the altar, the angel who has authority over the fire, and he called with a loud voice to the one who had the sharp sickle, "Put in your sickle and gather the clusters from the vine of the earth, for its grapes are ripe." ¹⁹ So the angel swung his sickle across the earth and gathered the grape harvest of the earth and threw it into the great winepress of the wrath of God. ²⁰ And the winepress was trodden outside the city, and blood flowed from the winepress, as high as a horse's bridle, for 1,600 stadia.

Receive, Then Sow

“He did not speak to them without a parable, but privately to his own disciples he explained everything”

Mark 4:34



Receive, Then Sow

1. The Gospel goes out for all to receive
2. Believers are those who hear, accept and multiply the Gospel
3. The Gospel is enough and does not rely on the wisdom of man
4. Believers are to be sowers and to let the harvest up to the Lord
5. **True discipleship takes effort, discernment, and prayer**

Receive, Then Sow

Major Themes

1. How are you receiving the seed that has been sown

Receive, Then Sow

1. The Gospel goes out for all to receive
2. Believers are those who hear, accept and multiply the Gospel
3. The Gospel is enough and does not rely on the wisdom of man
4. Believers are to be sowers and to let the harvest up to the Lord
5. True discipleship takes effort, discernment, and prayer
6. **Worldy things become thorns when we place them above the Lord**

Receive, Then Sow

Major Themes

1. How are you receiving the seed that has been sown
2. You are a Sower that is to sow

Receive, Then Sow



Jesus Begins His Ministry

1. Have you repented and believed?
2. Have you fully committed to unconditionally follow, love, and obey Jesus?
3. Have you made Jesus King?
4. Have you realized that Jesus came for you?

The Heart of Jesus: Compassion, Not Rules

Ways to reflect Jesus' heart this week

- 1. See the spiritual need beneath the visible need.**
- 2. Move toward people whose lives are messy, not away from them.**
- 3. Let your relationship with Jesus shape how you practice your faith.**
- 4. Reclaim rest and God's gift, not a rule to enforce.**
- 5. Extend compassion even toward those who oppose you**

The Family Jesus is Building

Where do YOU stand

- 1. Crowds: Attraction without allegiance**
- 2. Family: Familiarity without faith**
- 3. Scribes: Resistance that hardens**
- 4. True Family: Obedience flowing from grace**

Receive, Then Sow



Receive, Then Sow

Final three questions

1. Am I being disciplined
2. What idols do I need to remove from my life?
3. Who am I disciplining