

Discipleship 101: The Sower & The Seed

Mark 4:1-20

July 16-17, 2022

- Last Week: Mark 3:20-21, 31-35 Our Relationship With Jesus - His Followers Are Family
- Overview Of **Mark 1-3**
- Two Sermons— Discipleship 101
 - Discipleship 101: The Sower & The Seed (**Mark 4:1-20**)
 - Discipleship 101: The Fruit & The Growth (**Mark 4:21-34**)
- Pattern In **Mark 4-9**: Jesus' Teaching & Signs That Reveal Who He Is

How Discipleship Begins

1. The Fundamental Beginning Of Discipleship Is: _____!
2. Hear/Listen ____ in **Mark 4:1-20**
 - **ἀκούω** (akouo) - hear, grant a hearing, learn about, listen to and heed, understand (**Mark 4:3, 9 (2x), 12, 15, 16, 18, 20**)
3. Emphatic Call For Listening Ears To Hear: "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."
4. Discipleship Begins With _____ Coming To Save Us (**Genesis 3:15, John 12:24**)
5. Though It Begins Outside Ourselves It Must Be Rooted _____ Us (**James 1:21**)
6. Sometimes There Is Not A Harvest; Discipleship Stops Short; Obstacles To Truly Hearing

Obstacles To Listening

Obstacle # 1: _____ & _____ (**Mark 4:15**)

- The Roots Must Sink Deeper Than Deceptive Lies

Obstacle # 2: _____ & _____ (**Mark 4:16-17**)

- The Roots Must Sink Deeper Than Suffering (**Mark 4:16-17**)

Obstacle # 3: _____, _____, & _____ (**Mark 4:18-19**)

- The Roots Must Sink Deeper Than Pleasures (**Mark 4:18-19**)

How The Seed Sinks Deep

- This Parable Is Jesus' _____ & Your Biography

1. The Seed Does *NOT* Sink Deep Because Of Our _____ & _____ (**Mark 4:11-13**)
2. The Seed Sinks Deep Only In _____ With Jesus (**Mark 4:10**)
3. The Seed Sinks Into You Through Your _____ (**Mark 4:13**)
4. The Seed Sinks In When You Accept The Gospel As _____ (**Mark 4:20**)
5. The Seed Sinks In When You Know That Listening & Hearing Jesus Is _____
 (“...to you has been given...” **Mark 4:10**)
 - **μυστήριον** (mysterion) - a secret, mystery (God’s) transcendent/ultimate reality (**Mark 4:11**)

Where The Seeds Power Comes From

1. This Is A _____ Large Harvest (30-fold, 60-fold, 100-fold)
2. The Power Comes From The Seed Not The _____
3. The _____ Of The Word, Is The _____ Of The Lord (**John 12:24, 1 Cor. 3:6-7**)
4. Despite All The Resistance To The Good News About Jesus, This Is & Will Be An _____

To Whom Are You Listening? And How Well Are You Listening?

Community Group Discussion Questions:

1. How well do you listen? How well do you listen to Jesus? How well do you listen to others?
2. How does discipleship look in your life currently? How could others help you grow in how you listen to God’s Word?
3. What obstacles do you see in your life to how well you listen to Jesus?
4. What can you do to grow in how you hear the Word? How can you grow in how you listen to sermons? How can you grow in how you hear the Bible?

Suggested Reading: *Listen Up! A Practical Guide To Listening To Sermons* by Christopher Ash

Key Words For Kids To Count: Listen, Hear