

Pastor Kevin Key

Parables with Purpose

Title: Wavelengths

<u> August- 13-14 -2022</u>

This week was week 1 in the new series "Parables with Purpose". Pastor Kevin shared with us how to get on the same "wavelength" as God in order to be tuned in and hear His voice.

1. What stood out to you the most in this weekend's message? Why was this so impactful to you?

Pastor Kevin provided the four reasons we do not hear from God as provided by Jesus in the Parable of the Sower and what we need to do in order to hear him.

- 2. Read Luke 8:5, 12. If you want to hear God speak, you must <u>cultivate</u> an open mind—not have a hardened heart or closed mind like the path that has been hardened.
 - 1. In what way(s) does Satan take the Word of God from our hearts?
 - 2. How can we prevent that?
 - 3. How can fear, pride, and bitterness get in the way of an open heart/mind?
- 3. Read Luke 8:6, 13. Secondly, to hear God speak, you must <u>allocate time</u> to listen to God to avoid the "shallow" soil that has no roots.
 - 1. How can you get "rooted" in Christ?
 - 2. What are the dangers of not spending time with God and in his Word?

4. Read Luke 8:7,14. Next, to hear God speak, we must <u>eliminate</u> distractions, so that our growth in God is not choked out by the thorns/weeds of life.

- 1. What are some of the "weeds" that prevent growth and fruitfulness in your/a person's life?
- 2. In what way(s) do these weeds or thorns hinder us from bearing fruit? How can we guard against this?

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5. Read Luke 8:8, 15. Last, to hear God speak, we must <u>cooperate</u> with what he says to us so we can be like the "good" soil and produce a life that bears fruit.

- 1. Reflect on this and ask yourself:
 - 1. Is God the highest priority in your life?
 - 2. Is He a regular part of your day?
 - 3. Does your heart for Jesus spill over into every aspect of your life?
 - 4. Are you ready and willing to do whatever he asks of you?
- 2. Share your thoughts with the group.
- 6. Do you think we can fluctuate between the soils? If so, what are steps you can take to stay in the "good" soil?
 - 1. Based on how the Spirit has spoken to you this week, what is one action step you want to take this week to align yourself more fully with Scripture?
 - 2. How has your time with God, in the Word, and in prayer been this past week?
 - 3. What personal spiritual struggle(s), are you facing and how will you actively surrender them to God this week? (Marriage, parenting, work, finances, relationships, personal strongholds/sin, etc.)
 - 4. What else can we be praying with you about this week?

Announcements

Need Help

We are looking for help with the Small Group Kiosk. If you are in a Small Group and are currently not serving we could use your help and service. For more information reach out to Josh Rhosads at <u>irhoads@cornerstonechurch.co</u> Thanks for your help.

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