



## **The Way- Seeds & Soil**

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### **The Way:**

1. Jesus' purpose in teaching parables was to show unbelievers that the \_\_\_\_\_ was breaking into the world.
2. Who are Jesus' co-workers in His mission?
3. Do our lives demonstrate we are His by the way we follow and the way we share?

### **Read Mark 4:1-4, 14,15 The Way the enemy Works**

4. What was the seed that was sown?
5. What was the condition of the first soil? Did the sower recognize this?
6. Did the sower need all the conditions to be perfect before he sowed the seed?
7. Did he sow it everywhere, or only in places where he knew it would grow? What does that tell us?
8. The first seed was devoured by the birds. What does this tell us about the way the enemy works?
9. What is our defense against the enemy's attempts to steal what God wants to give us?
10. Do we see God's Word as having as much value and significance as the enemy does?
11. Do we guard it as a treasure someone would want to steal?

### **Read Mark 4:5,6; 16,17 The Way of the Root.**

12. Jesus described this soil as \_\_\_\_\_ or lacking moisture.
13. Do these roots have any depth? Why or why not?
14. What happens to the plant when faced with a trial?
15. Is a once-weekly watering enough to keep this seed alive and thriving?
16. Are you feeding, and nurturing, and cultivating the "seed" that is in you? How?

### **Read Mark 4: 7, 18, 19 The Way of the World**

17. This seed is sown where?
18. Three things choke this seed: \_\_\_\_\_ of this age, \_\_\_\_\_ of wealth, the \_\_\_\_\_ for other things.
19. What do these things have in common?
20. How can contentment provide a defense against the weeds that choke out God's Word in our lives?

### **Read Mark 4:8, 20 The Way of Growth**

21. The seed sown on good ground does what?

22. What does the sentence "What we produce validates what we profess" mean?
23. What conditions make this the "good soil" for seed to grow?
24. Who determines the rate of return of the seed? (How much fruit it produces.)
25. Pastor Andrew said, "You can't make it grow, but you can throw the seed and cultivate the conditions." What does this mean in your life? In the lives of those you witness to?

The sower threw seed everywhere. Let's follow His example and simply spread the Word.