

The Gospel in Action (8)

The Sower

Mark 4:1-20

Intro: Farmers That Don't Farm

I. The Parable (v. 1-9)

II. The Purpose of Parables (v. 10-12)

III. The Meaning (v. 13-20)

Conclusion: Sowing in Spite of the Weeds

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How did the "modern day parable" of the farmers who don't farm impact you? Was there anything God revealed to you on a personal level?
2. The goal of the Sower is NOT to conserve seed... the goal is to produce a HARVEST. What are the practical implications of this for the Church and for the Christian?
3. PD mentioned two examples of "outsiders" becoming "insiders" by trusting in Jesus (the Roman Centurion and the Thief on the cross). What other examples can you think of in the Bible? What hope does this give you for people in your life who are currently outsiders (far from God)?
4. As you consider the meaning of the parable, why is discipleship a necessary complement to sharing the Gospel (sowing seeds), especially if the goal is a HARVEST?