

"The Parable of the Soils"

Mark 4:1-20

Big Idea: *For God's Word to get deep into us, we must listen carefully to it.*

1. Listen Carefully

2. Respond Earnestly

RESPONSE QUESTIONS

1. Explain the symbolism of the seed. What are the different contexts where we have opportunities to cast the seed.
2. The theme in this passage is hearing. What is involved in being an active listener to the Word of God? (Vs. 14, 16, 18, 20)
3. What are the biggest obstacles that prevent us from hearing the Word of God?
4. Read vss. 11-12. What is the point Jesus is making here? What should we be aware of in our own lives in response to this warning?
5. We see in the soil of the path that Satan is at work. How should we respond to this in our own life?
6. Discuss the rocky soil. What can we do to make sure the seed penetrates deep in our hearts?
7. What is the thorny soil? What are the biggest distractions in our culture and in your life that can choke out the Word?