



MARK

THE SURPRISING
KINGDOM

Different Hearts (Mark 4:1-20)

Jesus knows that not everyone wants to hear him (10-12).

Jesus discerns 4 responses (13-20):

- Impervious (ignore or reject)**
- Consumer (in for the benefit)**
- Minimalist (in to the minimal extent)**
- Maximalist (all in on Jesus)**

God's Word Does God's Work

God's message is meant to be spread (21-25).

God's message/word = the story of God redeeming sinful man through Jesus.

Everything Christians do, individually and together, should spread God's word.

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God's word has the power in itself to bring about new life (26-29).

God has always created life by his word:

- Genesis 1 (and Hebrews 1:3)**
- Genesis 15:6 (and Ezekiel 37)**
- John 1**
- Colossians 3:16**

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God's word is sufficient by itself to transform the human heart and redeem the entire world (30-32).

The best thing Christians can offer the world – and the main thing you should seek in a church – is a focus on God's word.