

WEEK 8 The Gospel of Mark THE KINGDOM OF GOD IS AT HAND

Mark 4:1-20

Read 4:3-9 and 14-20

If the parable is about the **sower**, what is the main point of this parable?

If the parable is about the **seed**, what is the main point of this parable?

If the parable is about the **soil**, what is the main point of this parable?

If the parable is about the **sower, seed and soil**, what does it teach us about the kingdom of God?

What does it tell us about the Christian life?

What are the various ways Jesus shows us by which we can mis-hear the word of the kingdom?

How did Jesus' parables give His disciples more understanding without giving any benefit to those who rejected Him?

Was it unfair of Jesus to obscure His teaching from those who rejected Him by using parables? Whose fault was it ultimately that they did not understand?

Why is this parable foundational to comprehending other parables?

Is one kind of soil prevalent in our culture? Is there a particular way we should present the Word of God that might make people more receptive? How can we change the presentation without changing the message?

What part do we play in being good soil for God's Word? What can we do to grow in holiness and to produce fruit by making disciples?

How has your OIKOS changed in recent weeks?

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