

HAVE EARS, WILL LISTEN

Mark 4:1-20

A Myers, March 6, 2022

I. Why did Jesus teach in _____?

A. Jesus taught in _____ to reveal _____ to _____.

I Cor. 3:5-9
Mark 3:23-27
Rom. 16:25-26
Mark 1:14-15
Isaiah 6:8-12
Mark 12:12

B. Jesus taught in _____ to show the _____ of heart of those who _____ him.

II. How should we _____ parables?

A. Parables often have _____ that should be viewed from different _____ within the parable.

Luke 8:12
Eph. 2:1-3
I Peter 1:3-9
Prov. 30:7-9
Mark 10:21-25
Col. 2:6-7
Rev. 20:1-12
II Cor. 5:9-10

III. How should we interpret this parable?

A. The main point is to _____ to the _____.

B. Different perspectives are the four types of soil.

Mark 4:1-20 *ESV*

¹ Again he began to teach beside the sea. And a very large crowd gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat in it on the sea, and the whole crowd was beside the sea on the land. ² And he was teaching them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³ “Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. ⁴ And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. ⁵ Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶ And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸ And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.” ⁹ And he said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

¹⁰ And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹ And he said to them, “To you has been given the secret of the kingdom of God, but for those outside everything is in parables, ¹² so that

“they may indeed see but not perceive, and may indeed hear but not understand, lest they should turn and be forgiven.”

¹³ And he said to them, “Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? ¹⁴ The sower sows the word. ¹⁵ And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶ And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷ And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. ¹⁸ And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, ¹⁹ but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²⁰ But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold.”

Journey Group Questions

1. The simplicity of this parable puts people into 4 categories, but it’s important to remember that we are not always the same kind of soil at every point in our lives. Can you think of different times in your life when you were rocky/thorny/good soil? How did you move from one to the other?
2. How do we keep the soil of our heart “good?” How do we keep the rocks and thorns out?
3. Where do you see rocks or thorns in your heart now? How are they keeping you from listening to the Word and bearing fruit? What will it take to change?
4. How can we partner with one another to help each other be the right kind of dirt?

Soil	Growth &			Result
	Germination	Fruit	Judgment	
Path				
Rocky				
Thorny				
Good				