

I. God's Word is like a _____.

A. _____ begins with a _____.

B. Even though they're _____, _____ have great _____.

1. We _____ only what has been _____.

2. We _____ the same _____ as was _____.

3. We _____ in a different _____ than we _____.

4. We _____ than we _____.

5. We _____ in _____ as we have _____.

6. We _____ the full _____ of the _____ only if we _____; _____ comes to _____ on its own.

7. We can't do _____ about what has already been _____, but we can _____ today.

Gen. 1:20; II Kings 6:15-17

Hebrews 5:12

Eph. 5:25-26, 6:17

Psalm 119:105

James 1:23-25

Jer. 23:29; Mark 4:13

I Pet. 1:23-25; Titus 3:5

I Cor. 3:5-6; Gen. 26:12

Mark 4:20; Gal. 6:7-10

II Cor. 9:6-11; John 4:34-38

Gen. 1:11-12; Job 4:8

Esther 7:10; Pvb. 11:18

Prov. 22:8; Eccl. 10:8

II Samuel 12:9-10

Eccl. 11:1, 6; Gal. 6:9

II Samuel 12:5-6

Luke 6:38; II Cor. 9:6

Galatians 6:9

Genesis 3:17-18

Hebrews 3:14

II Timothy 2:12; 4:7-8

Galatians 6:7

Philippians 3:13-14

Mark 1:14-15

Luke 17:20-21

Matthew 13:1-51

Proverbs 25:2

Hebrews 5:14

II. In the _____ of God, the Word will _____ like a _____.

A. In the _____ of individual _____.

B. In the _____ of the _____.

C. _____, there's a _____ coming.

III. _____ are like hidden _____.

A. _____ into them.

B. _____ about them.

C. _____ their _____.

Mark 4:21-34 NASB 1996

²¹ And He was saying to them, "A lamp is not brought to be put under a basket, is it, or under a bed? Is it not *brought* to be put on the lampstand? ²² For nothing is hidden, except to be revealed; nor has *anything* been secret, but that it would come to light. ²³ If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear." ²⁴ And He was saying to them, "Take care what you listen to. By your standard of measure it will be measured to you; and more will be given you besides. ²⁵ For whoever has, to him *more* shall be given; and whoever does not have, even what he has shall be taken away from him."

²⁶ And He was saying, "The kingdom of God is like a man who casts seed upon the soil; ²⁷ and he goes to bed at night and gets up by day, and the seed sprouts and grows—how, he himself does not know. ²⁸ The soil produces crops by itself; first the blade, then the head, then the mature grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the crop permits, he immediately puts in the sickle, because the harvest has come."

³⁰ And He said, "How shall we picture the kingdom of God, or by what parable shall we present it? ³¹ *It is* like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the soil, though it is smaller than all the seeds that are upon the soil, ³² yet when it is sown, it grows up and becomes larger than all the garden plants and forms large branches; so that THE BIRDS OF THE AIR CAN NEST UNDER ITS SHADE."

³³ With many such parables He was speaking the word to them, so far as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ and He did not speak to them without a parable; but He was explaining everything privately to His own disciples.

Journey Group Questions

1. How was the seed of the Word planted in your life? Who were those who helped plant, water, etc.?
2. Which principle of sowing and reaping is most significant at this season in your life? Why is that?
3. Illustrate the principle "use it or lose it" as it applies in the material world. Have you seen its effects in the spiritual world? In your own life?
4. What helps you to "get your ears on" when listening to a sermon? Reading the Bible?
5. Is there someone in your life right now in whose "field" you are "planting seeds?"