

Mark 4:1-20 “The Seed and the Soils”

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A Parable About How People Respond to the Gospel

- Major Turning Point and Two Groups
- “An Earthly Story that Illustrates Heavenly Truth”

He Who Has Ears to Hear...then Let him Hear!

- 2 Necessary Things for the Transfer of Truth

Mark 4:1-9

A Pulpit on the Sea

- A Farming Parable: Easy to Relate To

Four Kinds of Dirt or Human Hearts

- Wayside, Rocky, Crowded and Good Soil

Seeds are Remarkable Creations

- They Contain all the Necessary Information for Life and Fruit

The Purpose of Your Ears

- It Takes _____ to Listen

Mark 4:10-13

The Purpose of Parables: Reveal and Conceal

- To You- Believers: Parables Reveal, Fraternal Secrets
- To Them- Unbelievers: Parable Conceal Spiritual Truth

V12 The Condition of the Heart Determines Revelation

- If the Heart is Hard..... Parables Exclude
- If the Heart is Hungry... Parables Reveal and Illuminate More

V13 Understanding All the Parables

- The Symbols Mean the Same Thing

Mark 4:14-17

1. The Wayside Heart Packed Hard by Traffic

- Traffic in the Things of This World
- Satanic Birds ? Steal the Word
- Easiest Place to Get a Hard Heart?

2. The Rocky Shallow Heart Warm but No Depth

- Pressure and Persecution
- Saved or Unserved? 1 Jn 2:19

Mark 4:18-20

3. The Crowded Heart The Weeds that Choke Fruitfulness

- Fruit Speaks of Genuine Conversion
- 3 Weeds: Worry, Wealth and Wants

4. The Good Soil and Heart Plowed and Watered

- It's Good Dirt but Still Just Dirt
- Incredible Transformation From Dirt!

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How's Your Heart?

Every Heart Needs to Receive the Gospel of Jesus

All Four Exist in Every Christian

- Just Hearing the Word Isn't Obeying

Plow Your Heart and Read Your Bible