

Sowing Seeds of Light – Mark 4:1-25

Many will come near the Kingdom of God, but few will find it's secret and enter in to live a brilliantly fruitful life! The Kingdom is not a place but a person we hear.

Intro To The Parables – Mark 4:1-2,

- A. Context
- B. Kingdom expectations
- C. Purpose of the Parables
- D. Major Themes of the Parables
- E. Secret to the Kingdom of God – vv. 11, 21
- F. Kingdom Principle – vv. 20, 24

I. Hearing The Seeds That Produce Abundant Fruit – Mark 4:3-9, 14-20

- Hear/Listen – akouo (11X in our passage)
1. No soil (The hard heart)
 2. Not enough soil (The shallow heart)
 3. Competition For Soil (The crowded heart)
 4. Good deep soil (The fruitful heart) – Kingdom principle
 - a. Hears the word and holds fast to Jesus
 - b. Accepts with an honest and good heart
 - Mark 8:31-32
 - c. Bears a surprising abundance of fruit
 - 2 Corinthians 9:6

II. Hearing The Light That Increases Illumination – Mark 4:21-25

1. Only a fool who has the light and covers it
 - 2 Corinthians 4:6
2. The Word will bring illumination to all things
 - Hidden truths of the Kingdom
 - Secret lies of the heart
3. Careful Listening increases the Lumens in one's life
 - Ephesians 5:8-10

The Parables:

1. Hear The Word
2. Pray It In
Question: Lord, where is this passage speaking into my life?
3. Live It Out
Question: Lord, what do you want me to do with what you are showing me? Help me hold onto this until there is fruit from it.
4. Pass It On
Question: Lord, with whom would you like me to share this?

Devotion:

1. What words or truth is Jesus trying to sow into your heart?
2. How would you describe the soil condition of your heart right now? What would it take to remove rocks or pull weeds to deepen that soil?
3. Pray, “Jesus help me to hear and accept what you are trying to sow into my life today and by your Spirit help me bear much fruit for your Kingdom.”
4. Ask the Lord to help you hear the light that will illuminate something new about his Kingdom that he wants you to know.
5. Pray, “Lord help me use the measure of the Kingdom you reveal to me in the lives of others and increase my capacity for more.”