



SMALL GROUPS | CURRICULUM

SERMON TITLE	DATE
Title: God's Word in my heart (Part 1)	May 29, 2016

Tools: pen, pencils, your notes from the sermon

The condition of my heart is revealed by my response to God's Word in my life!

Read Mark 4:1–20.

A. Who is the audience?

B. How does the audience change?

C. What figure of speech is Jesus using to teach?

D. Definition: A parable is a story not usually factual but is true to life and teaches one truth. It has relevant details that reinforce this one truth. This story is usually separate from the interpretation and application with the interpretation usually following .i.e. verses 14–20.

Pastor Kevin gave us 5 observations and 4 questions of application from this parable:

1. We need to pay careful attention to what Jesus is saying and therefore to the Word of God (v. 3, 9).

A. When would you say God has spoken to you?

B. How are you sure you heard from God?

C. If God primarily speaks through his word, how often do you hear from God?

D. What does James 1:22 tell us about "hearing from God"?

2. The seed has been sewn in us and we are to sow it in others

Read: Math.28:19-20

A. According to verse 14 what is the seed?

B. What is another name for this seed?

C. Who sowed the seed in Jesus disciples here?

D. What did Pastor Kevin say is the soil the seed is sown in?

3. There are many sowers but only one seed.

A. If this is so, what is the difference in the response of the 4 soils?

B. What does the good soil produce?

4. Power is in this seed not the sower.

A. How do we know it is not up to us to decide who to sow the seed in or how much seed to sow?

B. How do you know where to sow the seed?

C. Read: Hebrews v.4: 12 and Isaiah 55:10 – 11

5. The purpose of parables is to reveal truth to the believers and to hide truth from those who don't believe (Mark 4:10 – 13.)

A. What was Jesus warning to the crowd in v.9?

B. How can parables be a warning to the hardhearted?

MEMORY VERSE:

Mark 4:20 "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."

MEN/WOMEN ACCOUNTABILITY:

Pastor Kevin asked 4 Questions, which apply to you and what action do you need to take?

1. Is my heart hard? (v. 14 – 15.)

Was the seed sown in me but didn't sink in and I'm resistant, rebellious and unresponsive to it? (2 Corinthians 4:3-4)

2. Is my heart shallow with no root or no fruit? (v.16)

3. Is my heart crowded, distracted, deceived or drifting? (v. 19)

4. Is my heart receptive so that the truth impacts others and me through me and produces supernatural fruit by the work of the Holy Spirit? (v.20)