



DIGGING DEEPER

Mark 4v1-20 – Whoever has ears to hear

PLEASE READ – Mark 4v1-20

GETTING STARTED

Talk about the difference between listening and really listening...

Give each section in this passage a title and chat through how the 4 sections fit together...

V1-2:

V3-9:

V10-13:

V14-20:

1) UNDERSTANDING THE PARABLE

Who or what do the **seed**, the **sower** and the **soil** represent?

What do the 4 different types of soil teach us about the nature of the human heart? Look at each in detail and chat about the challenges of each...

How is the good soil described? Is that a description of your heart?

2) APPLYING THE PARABLE

How then do we prepare our hearts to welcome God's word? What could you do differently...

On a Sunday?

During the week?

3) THE PURPOSE OF PARABLES

What does Mark have to say about **insiders** and **outsiders**? See also Mark 3v31-35...

How does that principle show itself in the parable of the sower?

What then is the purpose of parables and how does that challenge the way you listen to them?

Meditate on the words of Jesus below...

Mark 4v20: *Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop – some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what it sown.*