

How can we apply this lesson to our life?

A. Share the gospel with others.

Matthew 28:19 “Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.”

Acts 1:8 “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

B. Stay encouraged.

Luke 4:28 “All the people in the synagogue were furious when they heard this. ^[29] They got up, drove Him out of the town, and took Him to the brow of the hill on which the town was built, in order to throw him down the cliff.”

Acts 17:32 “When they heard about the resurrection of the dead, some of them sneered, but others said, “We want to hear you again on this subject.”

Acts 17:34 “A few men became followers of Paul and believed. Among them was Dionysius, a member of the Areopagus, also a woman named Damaris, and a number of others.”

C. Some will believe!

Mark 5:15b “... He was sitting there, dressed and in his right mind; and they were afraid.”

Mark 5:18 “As Jesus was getting into the boat, the man who had been demon-possessed begged to go with Him.”

Mark 5:19 “Jesus did not let him, but said, “Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.”

Mark 5:20 “So the man went away and began to tell in the Decapolis how much Jesus had done for him. And all the people were amazed.”

The Parable of the Sower, Seed, and Soil!

Mark 4:1-20

Lesson #17

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****Mark 4:1** “Again Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water’s edge.”

I. Jesus shared the parable of the Sower, seeds and soil.

A. Some seeds were planted on the path.

****Mark 4:2** “He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said:

****Mark 4:3** “Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed.”

****Mark 4:4** “As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up.”

Luke 8:5 “A farmer went out to sow His seed. As He was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up.”

B. Some seeds were planted on rocky places.

****Mark 4:5** “Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow.”

****Mark 4:6** “But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root.”

Luke 8:6 “Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture.”

C. Some seeds could not produce because of the thorns.

****Mark 4:7** “Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain.”

D. Some seeds were planted in proper soil.

****Mark 4:8** “Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, some sixty, even a hundred times.”

II. Jesus stated the purpose of the parable.

A. The Apostles and others asked about the parable.

****Mark 4:9** “Then Jesus said, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

****Mark 4:10** “When he was alone, the Twelve and the others around him asked him about the parables.”

B. Jesus answered and explained the purpose for the parables.

****Mark 4:11a** “He told them, “The secret of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to those on the outside everything is said in parables.”

****Mark 4:12** “So that, “they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, and ever hearing but never understanding; otherwise they might turn and be forgiven!”

III. Jesus spoke to believers and explained the parable.

A. The seed sown on the path was snatched away.

****Mark 4:13** “Then Jesus said to them, “Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?”

Luke 8:11 “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God.”

****Mark 4:14** “The farmer sows the Word.”

Mark 1:14 “After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God.”

Mark 1:38 “Jesus replied, “Let us go somewhere else – to the nearby villages – so I can preach there also. That is why I have come.”

****Mark 4:15** “Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.”

Luke 8:12 “Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.”

John 7:12 “Among the crowds there was widespread whispering about Him. Some said, “He is a good man.” Other replied, “No, He deceives the people.”^[13] But no one would say anything publicly about Him for fear of the leaders.”

2 Corinthians 11:13 “For such men are false apostles, deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles of Christ.^[14] And no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light.^[15] It is not surprising, then, if his servants masquerade as servants of righteousness. Their end will be what their actions deserve.”

2 Cor. 4:4 “The god of this world has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.”

B. The seed sown on solid rock didn’t last.

****Mark 4:16** “Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy.”

****Mark 4:17** “But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the Word, they quickly fall away.”

I John 2:19 “They went out from us, but they did not really belong to us. For if they had belonged to us, they would have remained with us, but their going showed that none of them belonged to us.”

2 Timothy 4:10 “For Demas, because he loved this world, has deserted me and has gone to Thessalonica. Crescens has gone to Galatia, and Titus to Dalmatia.”

C. The seed sown among thorns was stopped from bearing fruit.

****Mark 4:18** “Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word;¹⁹ but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the Word, making it unfruitful.”

D. The seed sown on good soil produces fruit.

****Mark 4:20** “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 was sown.”