

## Mark: On The Move

### Mark 4:1-20

#### “Parable of the Soils”

A p\_\_\_\_\_ is an earthly illustration used to teach a spiritual truth.

#### The Parable

- Some seed fell on path or s \_\_\_\_\_w ground where it was eaten by birds.
- Some seed fell on r \_\_\_\_\_y soil where it sprouted quickly but died in the hot sun.
- Some seed fell into th \_\_\_\_\_y soil where it was choked and didn't produce grain.
- Some seed fell onto g \_\_\_\_\_d soil where it produced a big harvest.

Jesus' parables used common everyday illustrations but not everyone \_\_\_\_\_ them. **What did they have to do to understand them?**

- Ans.: Mark 4:9-10 Listen to the Word and spend time with J \_\_\_\_\_.

#### The Explanation Read Mark 4:13-20 in AMPC

The seed in the story represents the W \_\_\_\_\_d of God that is sown in your life.

The difference in the harvest is the c \_\_\_\_\_n of the soil of our hearts.

**Soil #1 Shallow path soil:** vs 15 Satan comes at once and **by force takes away** the seed of the message that is sown. Are you letting God release you from the strongman and take back all Satan has stolen including the Word?

**Soil #2 Rocky soil with no roots:** vs 16-17 Seed is received with joy but when the sun hits (real trouble or persecution) with no root this person is easily offended and falls away.

**Soil #3 Thorny soil:** vs 18-19 Seed is sown among the thorns, cares, anxieties, distractions, and cravings of life come in and crowd and choke out any fruit the seed produced over time.

**Soil #4 Good soil (well adapted):** vs 20 maturing to the point in life where you hear the Word, receive the Word and let it bear fruit 30 ,60 , 100 fold in your life.

#### **WHAT SOIL ARE YOU and WHAT FRUIT ARE YOU BEARING?????**

**God calls us to bear fruit that lasts John 15:16**

#### The Application

Like the farmer, it is our responsibility to sow the seed in our own hearts by what spiritual disciplines? \_\_\_\_\_

We must g \_\_\_\_\_d the soil of our hearts to keep them soft.

- Proverbs 4:23
- **Read Mark 4:21-25 God can heal what is re \_\_\_\_\_ .vs22**  
**What determines how much you grow in the Lord? vs 24**  
**Who takes the Word away by force? Vs 25 AMP**

#### Action Steps

- Surrender to Jesus and take time to soften your heart with God's Word and allow the Holy Spirit to speak to you.
- Ask God to show you the distractions in your life that are dividing your heart and anything the enemy is still robbing from you.

#### **Read Mark 4:35-41**

#### **Our question: Does God sometimes lead you into a storm?**

#### **Where was Jesus?**

**Jesus, do you c \_\_\_\_\_e?** – Mark 4:38

- “Peace! Be still!” – Mark 4:39 **What happened here?**

Our turmoil can affect other people but so can our f \_\_\_\_\_.

Where there other boats out in this storm? How does Jesus being in my boat matter?

#### **God's question**

**Do you t \_\_\_\_\_t Me?** – Mark 4:40

The answer to that question is the k\_y to our peace.

The areas of d \_\_\_\_\_bt in our lives are the areas we haven't trusted Him with yet.

When we trust Him, we have peace and f \_\_\_\_\_r is cast out.

- 1 John 4:18

Fear and anxiety are clues to us of opportunities to g \_\_\_\_\_w in our faith and to experience God's peace and realize who we really have in our boat. vs 41. List the areas of fear and anxiety in your life on the back of the page:

