

“On The Way” Mark Series - The Parable of the Sower

Mark 4:1-20 (NIV)

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- **Introductory Question:** *“If you could have an all-expenses-paid, FREE, trip somewhere for one week, where would it be to?”*
 - V. 1 - Importance of the land of Israel to Jesus’ ministry
 - V. 2 - Context of Parables
 - **Takeaway: The Harvest Continues!**
 - The Kingdom of God against the opposition of Satan, this world, and our desires
- **Mark 4:3-9**
 - “Listen!” - Command!
 - “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear”
 - Literal vs. Spiritual Reading
 - Humility
- **Mark 4:10-13**
 - “The Messianic Secret” -> Will the disciples get it?
 - Will we pursue understanding? WANT IT, LEAN IN
 - Isaiah 6 & “Penal Blindness”
 - If all Israel repents then, Jesus would not fulfill what he came to do
- **Mark 4:14-20**
 - There is opposition!
 - Outside - Satan
 - Around - World
 - Within - Desires
 - But... **Takeaway: The Harvest Continues!**
 - Reframe from the 3 seeds that died to the 1 that produced 100x
 - Call to action: **HEAR, ACCEPT, PRODUCE**

Discussion Questions:

1. Has there ever been a time that a Scripture just “clicked” and you came to new understanding?
 2. Where do you go when you come upon a part of Scripture that you do not understand?
 3. How can you / do you protect yourself from the opposition to the Kingdom of God?
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