



WEEK THREE
June 14, 2020

How's Your Heart?
Text: Mark 4:1-9, 13-20

Big Idea: Spiritual heart health is important. To be spiritually strong, we must make sure we have the right heart response to God's Word.

Memory verse: "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!" Mark 1:15

Weekly Ministry Items

Announcements: _____

Outreach/Ministry Reports: _____

Prayer Time: _____

Group Lesson Plan:

Paraphrase the Text: _____

Read the Text: _____

Facilitate Bible Study: _____

Discussion Questions:

Icebreaker: Have you ever sown seed such as grass seed? What happened when you did it?

According to verse 1, how would you describe the setting of our text today? Verse 2 tells us that Jesus "taught them many things by parables." What is a parable and why are parables effective teaching tools?

Verses 3-4 introduces a sower or farmer that goes out to sow seed. What does sowing seeds look like to you? This parable has often been called "the parable of the sower." Because of its intended purpose, it might be more appropriately called "the parable of the soils." Why is listening so important to spiritual receptivity?

Verses 4-8 describe where the seed fell and what happened next to the seed. Name the places where the seed fell, what happened to the seed, and what affected the seed. What is the point of this parable? Should fruitfulness always accompany true faith? Read 2 Corinthians 5:17. What about you? Can you say that a change has come to your life since your profession of faith in Christ? How so? According to verse 9, why do you think Jesus reiterated “hearing”?

Beginning with verse 10, the scene changes to a more intimate setting. Jesus was asked about the meaning of the parables. According to verse 13, do you get the impression that Jesus was frustrated with His disciples? Read John 14: 26. How is it possible for us to understand spiritual truth?

Read verses 13-20. How did Jesus explain each of the soils? Who is the farmer? On the path (road) Satan takes away the word. How does Satan take away the word? Read John 8:44. What happened to the seed on the rocky soil? How do deep roots help us withstand difficult times. Read Matt. 7: 24-25. How do you establish a firm foundation?

How do thorns or weeds affect the plants in a garden? According to verses 18-19 what three things did Jesus warn would hinder our walk with Him? In verse 20, how did Jesus describe the results of the good soil? The seed in the good soil produces many times more than itself. That’s how we should be. The fruit we bear can be the fruit of the Spirit found in Galatians 5.:22-23. Honestly, assess your life right now. Can it be said of you that your life gives evidence of the indwelling Spirit of God?

Teaching To Obey (Matt. 28:20):

In response to God’s revealed truth in your life, what action steps will you take today to obey His will? Are there:

Sins to confess? Promises to claim? Attitudes to change? Commands to obey? Examples to follow?

Our text for June 21: Mark 4: 35-41