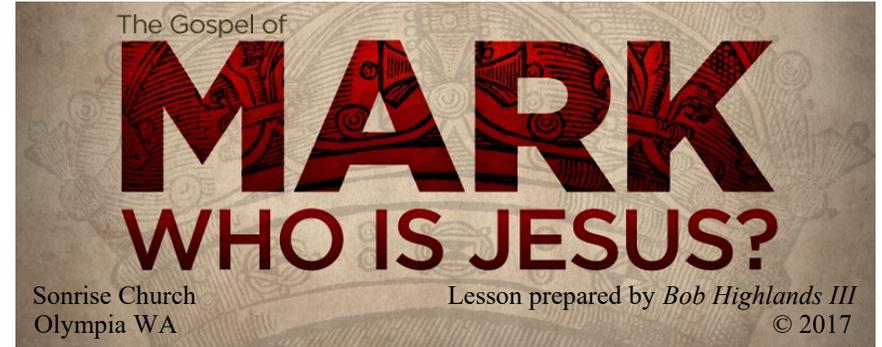


Additional study: The gateway into the human mind is the ear. Jesus spoke often of the need to hear. Paul said that “**faith comes from hearing**” (Romans 10:17). What do we learn about hearing in the following verses in Mark 4.

- Vs. 3
- Vs. 9
- Vs. 15
- Vs. 16
- Vs. 18
- Vs. 20
- Vs. 23
- Vs. 24
- Vs. 33



M ARK CHAPTER 4 - LESSONS LEARNED?

Jesus was a master teacher. He was always teaching his students (disciples), but he did not always make it easy for them to understand. He wanted them to think about the lesson. It is vital for us as his students to make sure we listening to what Jesus wants us to learn and then apply it to our lives. Sometimes Jesus told long parables like the one of the sower in verses 1-20 and sometimes he told very short and quick ones like in verses 24-25. Whether long or short we as his students need to learn the lesson he is trying to teach us.

In each section answer the questions then add a title that reflects what YOU have learned.

Read verses 1-20 (TITLE) _____

- Vs. 1 Who does Jesus teach this parable to?

❑ Why would Jesus use a story about a farmer to teach his disciples a lesson?

❑ Vs. 10 Who does Jesus explain this parable to?

❑ Vss. 10-12 What are some reasons Jesus taught in parables.

❑ Vss. 13-20 What is this parable really about?

❑ Vss. 18-19 What is the warning to the believer here?

❑ Vs. 20 What is the goal of the Christian life?

❑ Vs. 39 How did Jesus handle this situation?

❑ Vs. 40 Why did Jesus ask the two questions here?

❑ What should the disciples done differently here? Why?

❑ Vs. 41 How would you describe the disciples spiritual depth here?

- ❑ What does the believer get from God that non-believers do not?

- ❑ What will the non-believer (those who do not have) lose (be taken from him or her)?

Read Verses 26-29 (TITLE) _____

A kingdom was common language in Jesus' day. Everyone knew about the power and authority of whoever ran the kingdom. Earthly kingdoms were temporary and often ran by corrupt men and women. Jesus wanted his disciples to begin to see how the rule and authority of God was different. Whenever Jesus taught about the kingdom he was teaching about God and about those who were willing to become part of His kingdom. Though not stated here we must be aware this is a spiritual and not a physical earthly kingdom. See John 18.36

- ❑ What are the four stages of plant growth shown here?
 1. Vs. 26 _____
 2. Vs. 27 _____
 3. Vs. 28 _____
 4. Vs. 29 _____

- ❑ What do we learn about the kingdom of God from this parable and the four stages of growth?

Read Verses 30-34 (TITLE) _____

- ❑ Vss. 31-32 What do we learn about the development of the Kingdom of God here?

- ❑ Vs. 11 What advantage do the disciples have as members of the Kingdom of heaven?

- ❑ Vss. 33-34 Why was Jesus speaking in parables?

- ❑ Why did he explain it to his disciples?