

THE RIGHT ATTITUDE TOWARD THE WORD OF GOD

Mark 4:1-34

Key Verse: 4:8

1. Read verses 1-8. How and why did Jesus teach the word of God to the people? (Mk 1:15; 2Ti 3:14-17; Mk 4:11,14) What was their response? (1) What are the 4 different kinds of soil? What does soil represent? The seed
2. Read verses 4,14-15. What kind of heart soil is the path? What is the seed? What happened to the seed that fell on the path? What happens to the word that falls on a path-like mind?
3. Read verses 5-6; 16-17. What does the rocky soil represent? Why does the seed planted there produce no fruit? Read verses 7,18-19. What do the thorns represent? Why is this soil unfruitful? What can we learn from this?
4. What do the first three soils have in common? Read verses 8,20. What happened to the seed planted in the good soil? How can we be good soil?
5. Read verses 21-25. What does it mean to put one's lamp on a stand? That whatever is concealed will be disclosed? What does it mean to consider carefully what we hear?
6. Read verses 26-34. What do each of these two parables teach about the growth of the kingdom within us and within the world? What kind of attitude must we have toward the word of God?