

BEYOND WORDS: VIVID PICTURES OF JESUS IN ACTION

Message #6---“How’s Your Hearing?”

Mark 4:1-20

Jesus began this parable with one word, “_____.” At the end of the parable Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him _____.”

The same seed is planted in four different _____.

Although part of the seed never grew, the fact remained that at the end of the day there was a plentiful _____. Why? Because the farmer had been faithful to _____ the seed.

The great truths of the gospel are never understood by nonbelievers, not because they are incapable of _____, but because they lack relationship with the One who _____ the mystery of the Kingdom to them.

Four responses to the “good news” of the gospel:

1. Some don’t respond at all, because like seed on a hardened pathway, their _____ are hard.
2. Some will respond with enthusiasm and excitement, but like a seed in rocky soil, their response is _____.
3. Some respond to the good news, but the cares and values of our _____ crowd out the word like weeds in a wheat field.
4. Some respond and produce _____ consistent with the good news of Christ. There are different degrees of fruitfulness, but _____ in this group produces something.

We are not responsible for the condition of people’s hearts when they hear the message. Our responsibility is merely to _____ seeds.