

The River Church

50/50 Bible Study Challenge - Week 12

Mark Chapter Four

Memory Verse:

Mark 4:12 (NASB95): “so that while seeing, they may see and not perceive, and while hearing, they may hear and not understand, otherwise they might return and be forgiven.”

Talking Points:

After reading verse 1-9

-Why did Jesus explain the laws and truths of the kingdom of God in terms of agriculture or other relatable examples.

-In verse 10 - 12 there is a discussion about the parables; What is the significance and meaning in Jesus's reply?

-What is the key that unlocks the parable to the hearer?

Read verses 14 - 20

-Does the seed change?

-What changes in the five different examples?

-Can you be one type of soil then change to another? If yes, then how? If no, then why not?

-What are some ways we can guard against being anything but good soil?

-Verse 23 is the same quote used in ten other places in the Bible. What is its significance? Which book of the Bible is it used the most?

-There is a promise in verse 24-25, what is it? Does that same promise hold true for today?

Parable of the Mustard seed verse 30-32

-What comparison does the Kingdom of Heaven have with a mustard seed?

-If the Kingdom of Heaven is the mustard seed and we are the ground, what activates the growth?

-Is it a choice or does it just happen?

Jesus stills the Sea

-What are some revelations and truths you received out of reading verse 35 -41?

-How can you apply them to your life?