

Last time we looked at 3 key points about God's Word

1. The Word is the Entrance to the Presence of God
2. The importance of the Word of God, the Bible
3. The Word will be Contested

Today we look at our response to God's Word. Whether from the Bible or maybe via prophecy, I want us to see our responsibilities and how we should respond when God speaks to us either individually or as a church

Mark 4:1 -20. Also see Matthew: 13:1–23, Luke 8:4-21

### **Introduction**

Mark 4 refers to the dynamic of God's word effecting Christians and not specifically (or only) an evangelistic response by non-Christians to salvations message. In Matthew 13:19 Jesus says that the seed is the word of the kingdom - not salvation

The seed is the word of God. Every word God speaks to us will always be a seed. The ground or soil is our heart.

### **Why is Jesus Teaching on the Word so Important?**

It is a Key Parable. Verse 13 says that if we understand this parable we will understand all things.

It is a Key to understanding the enemy's activity.

Satan seeks to immediately snatch the word.

It is a Key to Fruitfulness. v20 shows us that a seed sown on good soil bears 30, 60 or 100 fold. He calls us to bear fruit and for our fruit to remain John 15:16

Remember we are God's fruity people (get the cd)

It is a Key to Progressing in our Christian Life. Faithful use of and correct application of God's word qualifies us for more and growth (with testing and pruning)

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