

Mark: Cleansing the Moral Poison of Society
(Part 9) Open Ears and Open Hearts Produce Righteousness

Jesus didn't do all of his teaching inside the synagogue or in houses.

As the crowds grew bigger, he had to teach _____.

He went out by the Sea of Galilee to preach and minister.

(Mark 4:1-9) A parable about farming

Parable - a simple story with an unusual twist used to illustrate a moral or spiritual lesson.

(v1-2) Jesus is in a boat just offshore to address the large crowd of followers.

He gets their attention as he begins to teach about the _____ of God.

(v.3-9) He uses concrete _____ understanding to convey deeper _____ meaning.

(v3-4) Seed cannot _____ on hardpacked soil.

(v.5-6) Seeds that fall on rocky soil can germinate but cannot withstand lack of _____.

(v.7) Weeds are the _____ of every farmer as they compete with crops for nutrients and moisture.

(v.8) Seeds planted in properly prepared soil will produce _____.

(v.9) "Ears to hear?"

(Mark 4:10-13) The disciples ask for clarification, and Jesus challenges them for their _____ to understand.

(Mark 4:14-20) Interpretation for _____.

(v.14) the farmer is a messenger of the _____.

(v.15) _____ steals the seed of the gospel from those whose hearts are hardened.

(v.16-17) I tried the Jesus thing, and it didn't work for me.

(v.18-19) The danger of being absolutely, _____ focused.

(v.20) The outcome of _____ salvation

Which soil represents the true condition of your _____?