**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

Mark 4:1-20

Key Verse: 4:20

1. Why did Jesus use parables in his teaching? (2, 9-11)

2. What are the 4 different kinds of soil? What does soil represent? The seed? (14; 33)

3. What happened to seed that fell on the path? (3-4) What happens to the word that is sown on a path-like heart? (15) What makes a heart become like a path?

4. What happens to seed that falls on rocky places? (5-6) What happens to the word that falls in a heart like rocky places? (16-17) Why do they fall away so quickly?

5. What happened to seed that fell among thorns? (7) What are the thorns that choke the growing seed of the word? (19)

6. What happens to seed planted in the good soil? (8) What happens to the word sown on good heart soil? (20) How can we have a heart like a good soil and bear fruit?