**Whoever Has Ears to Hear**

Mark 4:1-20

Key Verse 4:9 “Then Jesus said, ‘Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.’”

1. What is a parable? Why did Jesus teach in parables? (3:23; 4:2,33) What does Jesus mean by “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear”?

2. What is the secret of the kingdom of God? (11) How is the secret given to us? Why do many people fail to receive the secret? (12)

3. What are the 4 different kinds of soil and what happened to the seed that fell in each soil? (3-8)

4. What does seed represent? (14) What do the path, the rocky places and the thorny soil represent? What makes the seed unfruitful in each soil?

5. What happens to the seed planted in the good soil? (20) What does it mean to “hear” and “accept” the word?

6. What does this parable teach us about different responses to the Gospel message and how does it encourage us to sow the word of God?