

THE WORD OF GOD IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

Mark 4:3-8 *"Listen! Once there was a man who went out to sow grain. As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some of it fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. The seeds soon sprouted, because the soil wasn't deep. Then, when the sun came up, it burned the young plants; and because the roots had not grown deep enough, the plants soon dried up. Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants, and they didn't bear grain. But some seeds fell in good soil, and the plants sprouted, grew, and bore grain: some had thirty grains, others sixty, and others one hundred."*

Mark 4:14-20 *The sower sows God's message. Some people are like the seeds that fall along the path; as soon as they hear the message, Satan comes and takes it away. Other people are like the seeds that fall on rocky ground. As soon as they hear the message, they receive it gladly. But it does not sink deep into them, and they don't last long. So when trouble or persecution comes because of the message, they give up at once. Other people are like the seeds sown among the thorn bushes. These are the ones who hear the message, but the worries about this life, the love for riches, and all other kinds of desires crowd in and choke the message, and they don't bear fruit. But other people are like seeds sown in good soil. They hear the message, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred."*

- 1) Who is the sower? (John, Peter, Jesus)
- 2) What does the grain represent? (satan, God's message, rocky ground)
- 3) What do the birds represent? (satan, God's message, rocky ground)
- 4) The seeds that fell on the path (were eaten, grew into plants).
- 5) The people like rocky ground (rejected the Word, gladly received the Word).
- 6) When trouble comes, they (give up, trust in the Word, pray fervently).
- 7) The plant from the seed that fell among thorns (dried up, was choked).
- 8) The worries of this life choke God's message from your life. True or False
- 9) The love for riches chokes God's message from your life. True or False
- 10) Did the grain that fell on the path produce fruit? Yes No
- 11) Did the grain that fell on rocky ground produce fruit? Yes No
- 12) Did the grain that fell among thorn bushes produce fruit? Yes No
- 13) The people that are like good soil (accept, reject, forget about) the message.
- 14) Only the people who were like _____ produced fruit.
- 15) God's message of healing accepted into good ground produces the fruit of _____.
- 16) God's message of love accepted into good ground produces the fruit of _____.
- 17) God's message of peace accepted into good ground produces the fruit of _____.
- 18) God's message of prosperity accepted into good ground produces _____.
- 19) God's message of joy accepted into good ground produces _____.
- 20) God's message of salvation accepted into good ground produces _____.