## "Old School Evangelism" Mark 4: 1 - 9 March 8, 2015

"... a sower went out to sow." (Mark 4:3, ESV)

1. What is wrong with simply doing what you have been created to do?

"Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow.

a) "If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will also give life aco he bo

fe to your mortal bodies through his Spirit who dwells in you <sup>, b)</sup> So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live cording to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die <sup>c)</sup> but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the dy, you will live <sup>d)</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God." (Romans 8:11–14, ESV)	
a.	What does this verse say is the most important point in someone's life?
b.	What does this verse say is difference that this change makes in someone's life?
c.	What does this verse say is the proof that this change has been made?
d.	What does this verse say is the simple reality of this kind of change?

2. Why is it wrong to admit that some ground just simply has never been sown?

And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it.

"Therefore we must pay much closer attention to what we have heard, lest we drift away from it. For since the message declared by angels proved to be reliable, and every transgression or disobedience received a just retribution, how shall we escape if we neglect such a great salvation? It was declared at first by the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard," (Hebrews 2:1–3, ESV)

a.

3. What is wrong with accepting that some ground just simply is not fit to be sown?

Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away.

"I am the vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in me he is thrown away like a branch and withers; and the branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned." (John 15:5–6, ESV)

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4. How is it wrong to understand that some ground just simply has not been properly prepared to be sown? Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain.

"And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds?' He said to them, 'An enemy has done this.' So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.' "" (Matthew 13:27–30, ESV)

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5. Why will we not accept that the ground that has been prepared WILL bear the fruit of sowing?

And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

"For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it." (Isaiah 55:10–11, ESV)

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