

Mark 4:1-20 – Sower, Seed and Soils

I. Introduction

A. Mark 4:1 - Preaching by the Sea in a Boat

1. By the sea – comings and callings

Mark 1:16 – No multitudes came - Called Simon and Andrew, James and John

Mark 2:13 – Multitudes came, Matthew called

Mark 3 – Multitudes came, 12 apostles called

2. In a boat – From the “Land People to the “Sea People”

B. Mark 4:2-3a, 9-13 - Preaching in Parables

1. Parables, signs of judgment

2. Mark 4:3a, 10-12 – Parables, purposely obscure – Mt 13:14-17

II. Mark 4:3-8, 13-20 - The Parable of the Sower

A. Mark 4:13 – The Parable of the Sower - A foundational parable

B. Mark 4:3-8, 14-20 - Sower, Seed and Soils

1. Sower – Jesus, us – Mk 4:21-25, Mt 5:13-16

2. Seed – The Word, us – Je 31:27-28, Ho 2:23

3. Soils – us, the world

a) Mark 4:4, 15 - The Wayside Soil

1. Parable

2. Explanation

3. Application

b) Mark 4:5-6, 16-17 - Stony Soil

1. Parable

2. Explanation

3. Application

c) Mark 4:7, 18-19 - Thorny Soil

1. Parable

2. Explanation

3. Application

d) Mark 4:8, 20 - Good Soil