



**Bible Study**  
**November 3, 2021**

**PLANTING SEEDS OF THE GOSPEL**

Mark 4:13-20

**Outcome: Believers will share the Gospel readily, regularly and freely at all time.**

1. Who are Believers? – **Romans 1:1, Romans 10:9**  
Servants of Jesus, called by Jesus, for the Purpose of sharing the Gospel
2. Why must believers share the Gospel? – **Romans 1:14-15**
3. What is the Gospel and what does it do? – **Romans 1:16-17**
4. Where the Gospel must be preached? – **Matthew 24:14**

Every time the Gospel is shared, seeds are being sown. Every believer's primary responsibility is to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This shows that we are indeed disciples of Jesus Christ and have joined Him in His work. Note why Jesus came in the first place. **Matthew 9:12-13**. Sinners are described as those who are helpless, hopeless, and miserable. Those who cannot help themselves. Jesus came to those whose heart is ready. **Luke 4:18-19, Isaiah 53:4-5**.

Jesus guarantees results when the seeds of the Gospel are sown. **Matthew 9:37-38. Mark 4:1-9, Mark 4:13-20**.

The sower is Jesus and now it is His disciples – **2 Corinthians 5:20**.

Every sower (Christian) has a bag of seeds -- Unlimited Seed

Every sower has a field to sow seeds -- As you go – the world

The sower must sow seeds in every area of the field. The sower must not be concerned with the condition of the soil that is God's responsibility.

The sower (disciples) sows the word (shares the Gospel) **Matthew 24:14**.

The sower does not get to determine where to sow the seeds, but must sow.

In the sowing process the sowing comes before plowing... the seeds had to be sown before plowing. All seeds are good seeds. God is the gardener and is in charge of changing the condition of the soil - [John 15:1](#).

**Verse 14 - The sower sows seeds (The Word):**

The seed is the Word of God. The seed is the Good News of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The Gospel is to be sown far and wide within the hearing of all kind of people. We do not manufacture the seed; God provides it. It contains the secret of life, and it reproduces after its kind. God makes Himself responsible for the mysterious and complex process whereby a seed germinates in the soil and grows and for the way the word germinates in the human heart. Our responsibility is to sow the seed.

**Verse 15 – Sow on the Wayside:**

This soil represents the callous, insensitive, morally dead, emotionally hardened, indifferent, and unsympathetic. Remember we must still sow here. This soil can be altered by plowing. God plows through affliction and adversity. God knows how to cultivate soil. [Galatians 6:9-10](#).

**Verse 16-17 – Sow on Stony Ground:**

This ground represents a stone heart. This is deceptive soil. The seed grows up but does not grow down. It gains no root. The shallow heart, superficial, emotional, easily interested and impressed, but no depth of conviction. Feeling but no faith. Not willing to make a commitment. Really in it just for themselves. Remember we must still sow here because every person still belongs to God and He knows how to cultivate this type of soil also.

**Verse 18-19 – Sow among thorns:**

This soil represents the crowded heart. It represents partial commitment which is no commitment at all because they are listening to too many voices and have their eyes on too many different things. This life is more important than the life to come. Stuff is more important than the savior. God knows how to thin out the crowd. We must still sow seeds here.

**Verse 20- Good Ground:**

This soil represents the heart that has already been plowed by God and is ready to respond to the Gospel now. This group represents the harvest that is referenced in [Matthew 9:37-38](#). These individuals have been through enough and are looking to the truth that they have not been able to find anywhere else. Remember this soil is among the other three types of soil and the sower may not be able to distinguish the difference. That is why we as sowers must continuously and always sow.