**THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER**

Mark 4:1-20

Key Verse 14

“The farmer sows the word.”

1. Read verses 1-9. What did Jesus do by the lake? (1-2) How many different soils are mentioned by Jesus? (3-8) What happened to the seeds fallen down on each type of soil? What does ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear’ mean? (9)

2. Read verses 10-13. What can we learn from the disciples who asked Jesus about the parables? (10) How were they blessed? (11) How did Jesus challenge them? (12-13)

3. Read verses 14-20. What does ‘the farmer sows the word’ teach us about the nature of the kingdom of God? (14) What problem does each of the first three soils have? (15-19) Describe the secret of being fruitful like the good soil. (20)