



Sunday, March 3, 2019 | Wawasee Community Bible Church | Milford, Indiana | Dr. Rock LaGioia

He Who Has Ears to Hear

Mark 4:1-20

Hearers **RESPOND** to God's Word
According to Their **HEART** **CONDITION**

*A. The **HARD** Heart **REJECTS** God's Word*

*B. The **SHALLOW** Heart **AVOIDS**
COMMITMENT to God's Word*

***C. The Worldly Heart Crowds
Out God's Word***

D. The Receptive Heart Obeys God's Word



What is this? – Each week people from Wawasee Bible meet in small groups in various homes to learn about Jesus, pray, eat, laugh, and live life together. We call them 1:10 Community Groups (the “1:10” comes from Colossians 1:10). The questions here are based on the sermon each week (often a parallel passage of Scripture), and guide each group’s study. If you’re interested in connecting with a 1:10 Group, let us know on the Connect Card in your bulletin.

Getting Started

1. Did you ever hear something that you thought you understood but, after thinking about it, realized there must be more to the story - something you were missing?
2. **Read Mark 4:1-20.** Review your message notes. What stood out to you from the message this week? Do you have questions? Disagreements? Discuss it with your group.

Digging Deeper

3. What is a parable? What was the overarching spiritual theme of this parable?
4. Jesus used the parable of a sower to emphasize various responses. What was the seed? What happened to the four seeds (vs. 3-8) and what were the spiritual responses (vs. 13-20) according to Rock LaGioia?
5. Give practical examples of how you see what happened to seed 1 happening in our world today? Examples of seed 2? Seed 3? Seed 4?
6. Do we see folks responding like “the seeds” in our church today? If so, would you say we have more of seeds 2, 3, or 4 in our church? Explain.
7. According to Rock LaGioia, one who lives like seed 4 obeys the Word of God and bears fruit. What hinders/prevents so many believers from being like the 4th seed?
8. What types of fruit might believers bear by living like seed 4?
9. **Read John 14:15-24.** What does Jesus say about the parallel between keeping his Word and love?
10. **Read Mark 12:29-31.** Jesus condenses the entire OT Law (613 laws) into 2 commandments. Why do we find it so difficult to live by these 2 commandments?

Up Close

11. What do you think would happen to the church if believers ***whole-heartedly*** followed these two commandments? To our community? To our nation? To our world?
 12. What do you need to do to become a seed 4 believer? Make that change today and start bearing fruit for Jesus!
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