



**“A Foreign Language?” (a skit)**

**This is how we know we are in him: Whoever claims to live in him must live as Jesus did. 1 John 2:5b-6**

**Action Step Review (personalize it!)**

**Jesus takes center stage (Mark 1:14-15)**

Action Step #1: Repent and Believe

**Jesus calls common people to be His disciples (Mark 1:17-20)**

Action Step #2: Follow Jesus

**Jesus reached out in love & healed a man with leprosy (Mark 1:40-42)**

Action Step #3: Be filled with compassion then reach out to someone

**Jesus went to a party with a purpose (Mark 2:13-17)**

Action Step #4: Throw (or be part of) a Matthew Party

**Jesus faced a moral dilemma (Mark 3:1-6)**

Action Step #5: Respond with Love Not Religion

**Mark 4:1-41: 4 Stories of Jesus Teaching & in Action**

1. Jesus teaching the Parable of the Soils (vs.1-25)
2. Jesus teaching the Parable of The Growing Seed (vs. 26-29)
3. Jesus teaching the Parable of the Mustard Seed (vs.30-34)
4. Jesus calms a storm (vs.35-41)

**Mark 4:1-20: The Parable of the Soils**

Mark 4:1 The Floating Pulpit

Mark 4:2: Parable: a simple story or illustration from everyday life that conveys spiritual and/or moral truth. “an earthly story w/ heavenly meaning”  
Although the story was easily understood, the meaning often had to be explained

Mark 4:3-9 The Parable Told

Mark 4:10-12 A Message to His Disciples & Genuine Seekers  
(see 1 Corinthians 2:13-15)

Mark 4:13 This is a Foundational Parable

Mark 4:14-20 The Parable Explained

*The farmer sows:* people who communicate the Word of God

*the word:* (logos 8x) Jesus and what He said (Word of Truth—Word of God—The Gospel)

4 Soils = 4 types of people

- Group 1: People with Hardened Hearts (v.15)
- Group 2: People with Shallow Faith (vs.16-17)
- Group 3: People Focused on the World (vs.18-19)
- Group 4: People who Produce Spiritual Fruit (v.20)

**What type of person are you?**

**Responsibility of the Hearers:** Mark 4:21-26 “Get out there and share The Truth with others”

**Action Step #6**

**Teach Receptive People in a Way They’ll Understand**

- EVERYONE is a Teacher
- Be ready to teach the Truth (know what Scripture to share)
- Identify people with hungry hearts
- Teach in a way people will understand--know your audience