## The Parable of the Soils Mark 4:1-9

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Reflect Realize Respond

Outline: Recap Points to Ponder Questions to draw out understanding.

## **REFLECT**

Jesus said that this parable is the key to unlocking all the other parables. Simply put, it's all about the condition of your heart! The heart of every issue is an issue of your heart. Mark 4 will help us keep our hearts ready!

## **REALIZE**

- 1. Jesus loves to take us deeper and He loves to teach.
  - Scripture Reference; Mark 4:1-9
  - Questions for Reflection
    - What are some of your favorite teachings of Jesus?
- 2. The heart of every issue is an issue of the heart.
  - Scripture Reference; Mark 4:1-9
  - Questions for Reflection
    - How can you stay hungry for God's Word?
- 3. Guard your heart, for out of it flow all the issues of life.
  - Scripture Reference; Mark 4:1-9
  - Questions for Reflection
    - What soil type does your heart resonate with the most?
- 4. Keeping your heart ready is an everyday effort.
  - Scripture Reference; Mark 4:1-9
  - Questions for Reflection
    - What efforts can you make today and each day?

- What makes you say that?
- How do you feel about that?
- How would you explain your answer to a non-Christian friend or neighbor?
- Why did God design it to work that way? Why not just do (whatever else) instead?
- What would you say to someone who disagrees with that?
- Why do we really have to do it like that? Why can't we just go (some other route) instead?