

Sunday October 11th 2015
Without a Parable
Part Three
Study Questions

1). Read Matthew 13:1-10 – What is the significance of v1?

a). What question do the disciples ask in v10 and why do they ask it?

b). Read Matthew 13:11 – Why had it been given to the disciples to understand the mysteries of the Kingdom and it was not given to the nation of Israel?

c). What additional information do we get on this from 2 Corinthians 3:14-16

2). Read John 6:68 and Matthew 16:16-18 – what do these verses tell us about the disciples as compared to Israel's religious leaders?

a). What should we learn from this for ourselves?

3). Read Matthew 13:12-17 and Mark 4:23-25 – what do these verses teach us concerning the immediate context in which they are given?

a). For what reason should we see this principle having a broader application to include ourselves?

b). Why do you think that Paul uses the same prophecy from Isaiah at the end of Acts Chapter 28?

4). Read Matthew 13:18 – why does the Lord give this explanation and what significance does Him doing this have for us?

a). What are the 4 parts of the parable of the sower all about and why is this important?

b). Does it really matter if we see the sower as ‘the sower’ or ‘a sower’ and why would you say so?

c). So, are Christians 'sown' in the world or is the word of the Kingdom 'sown' in Christians and how would we know?

5). What does the parable of the sower make very clear about the Christian experience and why do you think the Lord gives this parable before those He is talking about have even come into existence?

6). What one thing has been particularly significant for you in this study?