

Sunday October 18th 2015
Without a Parable
Part Four
Study Questions

1). The beginning of Matthew 13:19 says, 'When anyone hears the word of the kingdom...' – What exactly is 'the word of the kingdom'?

a). What obvious but nonetheless very significant things are implicit in the statement, 'when anyone hears the word of the kingdom'?

2). Read Matthew 13:3-4 + 18-19 – Look at v19 as used in the message on Sunday and compare it with the same verse as it appears in your Bible. Do you see any difference?

a). Does it matter?

b). How should we understand the Christian sown 'by the wayside'?

3). Read Matthew 13:5-6 + 20-21 – Again compare v20 as used in the message with the verse as it appears in your Bible – what do you see?

a). How should we understand the Christian sown ‘into stony places’?

4). Read Matthew 13:7 + 22 – compare what we see in v22 with Luke 8:14 and Mark 4:18-19 – what additional information do we find in Mark and Luke?

a). By comparing scripture with scripture and dealing with each one separately, how should we explain, ‘the cares of this world’, ‘the deceitfulness of riches’ and ‘the pleasures of this life’?

b). From a purely practical standpoint what would each of these look like in the life of a Christian?

5). What are the common threads that link these 3 ‘sowings’ together?

a). What one thing did you find particularly significant in today’s study?