

## GO DEEPER

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- Read Isaiah Ch 6 (the passage quoted by Jesus). How does this passage inform what Jesus is doing?
- How does this fit with Pastor Adam's teaching from Mark 1:17 that Jesus is coming to bring both Good News and Judgment at the same time?
- Who is on the "outside" and who is on the "inside"? How does someone move from out to in? How do verses 24-25 relate to this?
- What is the key difference between those on the inside and outside? What distinguishes the disciples from the crowd?
- What does Jesus mean when he says, "If anyone has ears to hear, let him listen"?
- Consider verses 24-25. How do parables function to give more to those who have and less to those who have not?
- What does all of this teach us about the nature of the Gospel?

***Reflect on the parable of the Sower (4:3-20).***

- What does each type of soil stand for?
- What does it mean to have good soil?
- What is the main point of the parable?
- What kind of response is Jesus looking for?
- Why is it necessary to 1. Hear, 2. Accept, 3. Bear Fruit? What happens when we stop with just step 1 or 2?
- Think through Mark ch 1-4 and the different characters. Who has been good soil? Who has not? What distinguishes them?

***Personal Reflection***

- Which soil are you most like right now?
- What needs to happen for you to become as fertile and fruitful as Jesus desires you to be? (Be specific)
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