



# All Christians' Fellowship International

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## *Interactive Sunday school Outline*

TOPIC:       Balanced Expectations  
TEXT:        **Mark 4:1-25**

**Instructions:** *Instructions: - Let the above passages be read each time you come together to study this topic so that everyone could participate fully. The teacher should provide additional background information on the topic and come up with follow-up questions. Participants should be brief in their responses and use relevant Bible references to illustrate their points. They should be careful not to dominate the discussion to allow everyone to have an equal opportunity to participate.*

**Introduction:** There is no greater joy than leading someone to Jesus Christ. Every prayer, every late-night conversation finally comes into focus. As Go Spirit gives life to his new child, we stand back in wonder and a But there is no greater pain than rejection. How discouraged we c feel when numerous conversations don't result in a single conversion Mark 4 gives us a balanced perspective about the results we c expect when we share the gospel. Jesus tells us how and why people react differently to the good news.

1. What is most exciting and most discouraging for you about evangelism?
2. Read Mark 4:1-25. Picture in your mind the scene recorded verses 1-2. Now describe what you see, hear, feel and smell.
3. In what ways might different people in the audience have reacted to Jesus' simple agricultural story (v. 3-9)?
4. Jesus chides his disciples for not understanding this parable (v. 13). Yet how can parables reveal truth when they seem to obscure it (v. 10-12)?
5. Through this parable, Jesus had been telling his audience something about themselves. What four kinds of listeners are likely to be present in almost any un-evangelized crowd (v. 14-20)?
6. According to verses 15-20, what determines the fruitfulness of the message they have heard?
7. How have you seen Jesus' parable confirmed in your own evangelistic efforts?
8. Poor soil reduced the chance for a harvest. What are some ways we can improve people's receptivity to the gospel?
9. Consider the principle in verses 24-25. What happens to people each time they respond positively or negatively to God's Word?
10. How does this principle shed light on the meaning of verses! 12?
11. The Sower scatters the seed indiscriminately. The quality of the soil only becomes evident (to us) by its *response*. In this passage ho is Jesus like the Sower?  
How should his example affect our evangelism and our follow-up of those who respond?
12. Spend time praying for non-Christians you know that the gospel will bear fruit in their lives.