Text: Matthew 13:1-58 | Monroe Bible Church
Topics: Kingdom of God, Son of God, Word of God | December 15, 2019
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Ears to Hear!

I. The Word of God (1-23)

The parable of the sower and the seed tells me to look at my *intake of God's Word*, and *its fruit* in my life.

II. The Kingdom of God (24-50)

The kingdom parables tell me that *being* in God's kingdom is more *valuable* than anything.

III. The Son of God (53-58)

The rejection of who Jesus is by His hometown shows me the *necessity* of *belief* in Him as the Son of God.

There is no *rival* to the importance of my *commitment* to the Word, the Kingdom, and the Son of God!

Application Questions - *These questions are provided for your further study and application of the subject of today's message. Thoughtfully writing out answers to these questions will help drive home the point. They are designed to be discussed in your home, with other believers, and in a Life Group, for even more benefit.*

1. Try making your own parable and sharing it with your group. Teach something important and true, and have fun!

2. Read the parable of the sower and the seed (Matthew 13:3-8) and its interpretation (verses 18-23). Write down each type of soil, and next to it, its enemy to fruit, and what it illustrates.

Are there times when one of the first 3 soils applies to you? When? Why?

What would help you move from the enemy winning, to fruitfulness?

3. Read the parable of the wheat and the tares (Matthew 13:24-30) and the interpretation (verses 36-43). What is the main point?

Make an application statement to your life today.

4. How are the parables of the mustard seed and the leaven an encouragement to you? (Matthew 13:31-33)

5. The treasure and the pearl parables (Matthew 13:44-46) teach us that being in God's kingdom is more valuable than anything in this world. List a few examples of "valuable" and the world's "less valuable" substitute in comparison.

6. The people of Jesus' hometown responded to Him in unbelief (Matthew 13:54-58). What are some of the responses you've seen when presenting Jesus to others? What can we learn from this?

7. What is the main application of this study, and/or the sermon and its passages, for you?