

Sermon Outline

RESPONDING TO THE KINGDOM | Nick O'Neil

Bible Reading: Mark 4:1-34

1. Mark Recap
2. Mark 4:1-34 contains five stories about how to respond to the Gospel of the Kingdom
 - a. 1 Story (and repeat) about something distributed in great amounts but not received universally
 - b. 3 Stories about something hidden which becomes openly great
 - c. 2 contexts
 - i. How to respond personally to the Kingdom Gospel
 - ii. Advice for those involved in sharing the Kingdom
3. The Kingdom of God goes out in big quantities but is only received by a small group... *so don't stop listening to Jesus (4:1-9, 14-20)*
 - a. The Farmer
 - b. The Explanation
 - i. Satan
 - ii. Suffering
 - iii. Stuff
 - c. So... don't Stop Listening to Jesus!
4. God's plan includes belief and unbelief... *so don't be surprised by unbelief (4:10-13)*
 - a. Why parables Jesus?
 - b. Two key observations about verses 1-9, 14-20:
 - i. Individuals are responsible for listening or not listening
 - ii. Part of what determines whether they listen is external to them
 - c. Parables confirm belief and unbelief in the Kingdom
 - d. So... don't be surprised by unbelief (even when there's a crowd)
5. The authentic Kingdom of God, though hard to spot will eventually expand massively... *so don't be pessimistic about the gospel's potential (4:21-34)*
 - a. Something hidden
 - b. Eventually revealed
 - c. When is the big reveal?
 - d. So.. don't be pessimistic about the gospel's potential
 - e. 60 Seconds with...