



## Big Crowd? Big Deal!

**Mark 4:1-20**

1) What is the setting for this parable?

- A huge \_\_\_\_\_ (Mark 4:1)

2) What's the truth/question that lies behind the parable?

- Jesus isn't impressed with big crowds, big conferences, or big churches. He knows that the passion of the moment will eventually wane, and His question that remains is: "Who's willing to follow Me when the \_\_\_\_\_ has worn off?"

3) Who is Jesus talking to?

- Jesus isn't just warning the crowd about the first three soils. He's also warning his \_\_\_\_\_ about how people will respond when they preach the gospel.

4) What is Jesus trying to teach his disciples?

- We can't ultimately \_\_\_\_\_ how people are going to respond to Jesus over the long haul. And it's not our job to. Our job is simply to keep \_\_\_\_\_ the seed of God's Word.

5) What is the key factor that determines long-term Kingdom fruit?

- Becoming a church that is wholly devoted and responsive to God's \_\_\_\_\_.

## Personal Take-Aways from Mark 4:1-20

- 1) “Failure” is not optional; it’s \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) I need both Christ’s heart and Christ’s \_\_\_\_\_ regarding people who bail
- 3) It’s not about \_\_\_\_\_
- 4) Jesus is calling: will I \_\_\_\_\_ to Him?
- 5) God’s Word really does have the power to produce a \_\_\_\_\_

### Responding to Jesus

- 1) Today I’m looking squarely into the face of my hard circumstances, anxieties and desires – and I’m declaring: ‘I will follow Jesus no matter what.’
- 2) Today I’m relinquishing my spiritual perfectionism regarding people who reject or bail on Jesus – and I’m receiving this word of freedom from Jesus that it’s not about me. My job is simply to sow the Word.