

Matthew 13 Bible Study FB Live 6.28.2020

Whoever has ears let them hear

Our hearts become calloused and sometimes a story will allow for someone to see and hear the impact, pain, and frustration of others.

“stories”

-movies

-social media

-coffee and sharing time

Jesus calls His disciples (the enlightened ones) to share the Gospel (good news of Jesus Christ)

The disciples did not understand they have been commissioned to work:

1. Meet the people at their need
2. Listen to the people
3. Talk to the people in a way they understand with humility and compassion/ love

Matthew 13: 11-15

¹¹ He replied, “Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. ¹² Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. ¹³ This is why I speak to them in parables:

“Though seeing, they do not see;
though hearing, they do not hear or understand.

¹⁴ In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah:

“You will be ever hearing but never understanding;
you will be ever seeing but never perceiving.

¹⁵ For this people’s heart has become calloused;
they hardly hear with their ears,
and they have closed their eyes.

Otherwise they might see with their eyes,
hear with their ears,
understand with their hearts
and turn, and I would heal them.”^[c]

Jesus' explanation to the disciples about the parable of the seeds:

¹⁶ But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. ¹⁷ For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it.

¹⁸ "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: ¹⁹ When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. ²⁰ The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. ²¹ But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. ²² The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. ²³ But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."

Our responsibility as Christians

1. Repent daily and work out your salvation in fear and trembling
 - a. Philippians 2:11-13

"and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence, but now even more in my absence, continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling. For it is God who works in you to will and to act on behalf of His good purpose...."

2. Meet the need of others
 - a. Proverbs 19:17

Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the LORD, and he will reward them for what they have done

3. Love one another
 - a. Ephesians 4:2; 1 Peter 4:8

Ephesians 4:2: "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with **one another in love.**"

1 Peter 4:8: "Above all, **love** each other deeply, because **love** covers over a multitude of sins."

4. Share the Gospel
 - a. Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

5. Seek the kingdom of God first and everything else will be added to you
 - a. Matthew 6:23

But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

**Remember this life and walk with Jesus
Christ is all about your heart =
transformation power of Jesus Christ.**

**We cannot stop loving, healing, and
standing up for what is right!**