

United Church of Marco Island

Mark Bible Study #5: Tuesday, February 12th at 10AM and 7PM

Mark 4:1 – 34 “Kingdom Parables”

Introductions

Opening Prayer

Discussion Questions:

1. Regarding the parable of the sower (v.3-8), give an example of each kind of soil-seed combination.
2. Explain verses 11 and 12. Why does Jesus speak in parables and what is the response to those who hear a parable?
3. What did the disciples do to get an explanation of the parable that others did not?
4. What does a willingness to ask indicate about a willingness to hear?
5. On what grounds are people included or excluded from the secret of the kingdom?
6. Using evidence from this passage, what is the secret of the kingdom?
7. How does the response Jesus gets from telling the parable of the sower illustrate the point he is making?
8. What does “sowing” look like in our lives today?
9. How do verses 21-25 help explain verses 11-12?
10. What insights into kingdom growth do the parables of the growing seed and the mustard seed give us (v. 26-34)?