

Sermon Discussion Guide

He Who Has Ears to Hear, Let Him Hear

Mark 4:1–20

Why did Jesus use parables? (1–12)

Isa. 6:9–10; Ex. 4:21; 7:3–4; 8:15, 32; 1 Cor. 1:18; 2:14; Eph. 2:1–4

- What is the dual purpose of parables?
- How should we respond to the truth that God sovereignly gave us “ears to hear” (i.e. understand and believe) the gospel?

What kind of hearer are you? (13–20)

1 Pet. 1:6–7; Matt. 6:31; 1 Tim. 6:9–10; Ps. 1:1–3; Jer. 17:7–8; Col. 1:5–6

- What does the seed represent in the parable?
- Who is the sower?
- What kind of hearer does each soil represent?
- What does this parable show us about Jesus and what happens when his gospel takes root in our lives?