

- D. Keeping this in context Jesus is speaking about the value one places on the word.
1. Remember in v. 23, we are told to listen up.
 2. When the disciple shines forth the word of truth the value placed on it by the one who hears it will determine whether they receive it or not.
 3. That's why He tells them to take care to what they listen to.

E. If you bring a full measure of attention and eagerness to learn, you will receive more.

F. If you do not care to heed the word or bring no need or desire to Jesus you will get the same in return.

Appl: Here we have the second phase of kingdom work.

The disciples shines forth the word of truth. It is then up to the hearer to see the value in it if they are to become a disciple.

If the hearer sees no value then he will loose even the little he has.

Trans: In the third parable Jesus tells of the kingdoms growth. This is a natural progression. The disciples teaches, the lost respond, the kingdom grows. This is our third point.

3. God will grow His kingdom through His word

A. Mark 4:26-29

B. In this parable Jesus states that the kingdom is like a man who casts seed upon the soil.

C. This parable is explaining the results of spreading the word into the hearts of man.

1. From the parable of the sower we know the soil represents the hearts of man,
2. The seed represents the word, **Mark, 4:14**

D. Jesus explains what happens when the word is sown into the heart, **v.27**

1. The word sprouts up and grows. and the one who planted it does not know how.
2. This limits the sowers part in what happens to the one receiving the word. The sower goes to bed and then wakes up. He is just going about his business while the seed is growing within the heart of man.
3. The sower doesn't cause the growth, the seed itself grows, because the power is in the word.

Heb. 4:12

Rom. 1:16,17