

## Bible Study 4 - Parables of the kingdom - Mark 4

The scout motto is “Be prepared” or “Always ready”. It means to be always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty to other people or for your country. It’s good to be always ready to face the challenges to our physical lives. But what about our spiritual lives? Are we always ready to respond to the spiritual challenges we face?

In this study we see that some people are prepared spiritually and some are not. Also, if we are prepared spiritually, it shows us what to do.

### ***PART 1 Read Mark 4:1–34***

Prepared soil (v.1-8, 13-20)	What did Jesus say would be the response to His preaching?
Parables (v.9-12, 33-34)	Why did Jesus tell parables?
Proclamation (v.21-25)	What should we be always ready to do?
Plant growth (v.26-32)	How is God’s spiritual kingdom like a seed?

### ***PART 2 Things I discovered in this passage***

***1. What I learnt about God the Father, Jesus Christ or the Holy Spirit.***

***2. What I learnt about people like us.***

***3. What aspects of our sinful nature does the passage address? Why was it written?***

***4. Summarise the key verse(s) in your own words***

***5. Which other parts of the passage caught your attention?***

***6. How can we go more deeply into the teachings of Jesus & the Bible (v.24-25)?***

***7. Which parts of the passage were difficult to understand? What questions come to your mind?***

Let’s be always ready to share the good news about Jesus.

