



SERMON QUESTIONS

January 25, 2026

Series: A New Beginning

Sermon: Can You Hear Me, Now?

Mark 4:1-20

1. What did Jesus mean by "He who has ears to hear, let him hear"?
2. What is a parable and why did Jesus use parables?
3. Give examples and explanations of how people who already understand the gospel/Word gain understanding through parables and how those who don't believe lose understanding they once had.
4. Why is this parable necessary for understanding other parables?
5. List the 4 soils and explain them. Which of these soils is most prevalent in the world today? Which is most prevalent in the East Valley?
6. Which soil description lists Satan? Is Satan active in the other soils? If so, how? How "active" are we in the soil descriptions being what they are?
7. Bottom line: is the issue the seed's effectiveness or the soil's receptiveness? How can we help people of each soil be more receptive?
8. In the parable, does the sower limit his sowing based on the type of soil receiving the seed? What is the significance of that conclusion?