

Where's Your Chair?

Mark 4 1-20



The river of God is full of water; you prepare grain for your people,
for so you provide for the earth.
Psalm 65:9

Praising:

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground; O may it grow in humble hearts, and righteous fruits abound.

Reading:

Mark 4:1-20
God's word is sown in us

Every time we sit down to try to listen to what God is saying to us, the image of the sower with his bag of seed applies directly to us. It's too easy to say "but I really do believe, I am a disciple: Jesus couldn't possibly be talking to me here". Whoever we are, the temptation is to get up out of our chair, and simply walk away from what God is saying he wants us to do. We are the soil, God is the sower and the seed of his word is coming our way. Will we let it be snatched away before it even

finds soil? Will we let it die from shallow soil and lack of nurture? Will it have to compete for soil with all the other things we need to think about today?

Listening:

Praying:

Lord grant us humility

- to see how your word applies practically to our lives and our situations
- to be sowers of the word ourselves, to scatter for you wherever we go
- to proclaim Christ faithfully with your whole Church in each new generation

Father: open my heart to receive the word you are speaking to me today, help me to listen and to understand, to remember and to obey, and to bear witness and to share. Amen

Doing:

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