

SERMON OUTLINE

Speaker: Dr Philip Satterthwaite

Text : Mark 4: 1 - 20

Title : Sowing The Word, Teaching In Parables

Introduction

The context in Mark's Gospel

1. The Parable and the Meaning of the Parable

- Sowing: a metaphor for God's kingdom in the OT (Isaiah 40:6-8; 55:10-11; Amos 9)
- Different responses to Jesus' teaching

2. But Why Parables? (vv. 10-13)

- Different visions of the kingdom
- The need to speak in code

3. Application

- Is this parable actually about evangelistic strategy?
- The challenge to us: hindrances to fruitfulness