

Ears to Hear (Bilingual)

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[0 : 0 0] I'm still learning to preach, so I would appreciate any feedback that anyone might have for me after the service.

Let us pray before we begin. Heavenly Father, may Your Word feed us today, so we may grow into the full stature of Christ, in Jesus' name of the earth.

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED] Well, in today's passage, Jesus
is teaching a large crowd.

It's so large, the crowd comes in and almost immerses them. But Jesus actually has to hop onto a boat and teach them from the sea.

The first thing that Jesus teaches them is the parable of the soul. If you've been paying attention to the sermons preached before today,you'll notice that this is actually the first parable recorded in the gospel of Mark.

[illegible][illegible]

When he was alone, those who were around him, along with the twelve, asked him about the parable. And he said to them, So you have been given the secret of the kingdom of God.

But for those outside, everything comes in parable, in order that they may indeed look, but not perceive, and they indeed listen, but not understand, so that they may not turn again, and be forgiven.

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Jesus teach him parables?

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But here, Jesus seems to be using it for another purpose. He's using it to keep information from the crowd, so that they may be ever seeing but never perceiving, ever hearing but never understanding, otherwise they might turn and be forgiven.

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QUESTION

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[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED],

[REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]?

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■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■? Have you become more joyful and peaceful because you are able to see the grace and assurance that God has given you? ■■■■■■■■■■, ■■■■■, ■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■■?

[illegible]

?Have you learned to manage your time and resources better by practicing self-control?

