1. What does the parable of the lamp mean in this context? How does this teaching relate to the previous teaching? Explain the statement: “For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light.” Of what did Jesus say His disciples should “take heed”? What does this warning mean? What does the statement: “With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you...” mean in this context? (Mark 4.21-25; Luke 8.16-18)

2. What are the stages of “scattering seed” mentioned in this parable? Explain the statement: “For the earth yields crops by itself.” What does this parable teach about the Kingdom of God? (Mark 4.26-29)
“Also He said to them, ‘Is a lamp brought to be put under a basket or under a bed? Is it not to be set on a lampstand? No one, when he has lit a lamp, covers it with a vessel or puts it under a bed, but sets it on a lampstand, that those who enter may see the light. For there is nothing hidden which will not be revealed, nor has anything been kept secret but that it should come to light. If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.’ Then He said to them, ‘Take heed what you hear; take heed how you hear. With the same measure you use, it will be measured to you; and to you who hear, more will be given. For whoever has, to him more will be given; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.’”