

## Community prayer

1. For God to raise up Chodae Community Church congregants to be faithful worshipers who joyfully praise the Lord.
2. To live out a lifestyle of God's faithful stewards at both workplace and home.
3. For Community members and those who are suffering with difficulties to be healed and restored through grace.
4. For discipling and maturing of children of every family in faith.
5. For senior pastor, associate pastors, session elders, and all spiritual leaders to be filled with the Holy Spirit.
6. For fruitfully completion, with God's grace, of church-wide discipleship trainings -- Discipleship Class, One-To-One Discipleship, and Workplace Ministry Class

## Church schedule

- ♦ Jan 6 [Sun]: The Communion Sunday
- ♦ Jan 7 [Mon] ~ 12 [Sat]: New Year's special Morning Prayer Service
- ♦ Jan 13 [Sun]: Leaders Retreat Conference / 2019 Congressional Budget Meeting
- ♦ Jan 25 [Fri] ~ 27 [Sun]: Mission Revival / Mission Expo
- ♦ Jan 27 [Sun]: Feb Small Group Leader Training

## Worshiper Who Sings Joyful Praises

A Heart [Mind-set] of a Person Receiving the Word  
(Mark 4:1~20)

## Notice

1. In 2019, the church motto is "a worshiper who sings joyful praises."
2. Please use the following order for small group.  
2~3 praises / corporate prayer / Bible reading / study guide / sharing prayer requests
3. Community Bible recital (Psalm 100:1~5) & praise schedule:  
Feb 1 – community 1; Feb 8 – community 2;  
Feb 15 – community 3, Feb 22 – community 4
4. Leader's Retreat: Jan 13 [Sun], 3pm, Main sanctuary, Lecturer: Rev. Jim-Bob Park \* All leaders must attend.
5. Mission Revival: Jan 25 [Fri] ~ Jan 27 [Sun].  
Lecturer: Rev. Lim, HyunSoo
6. The Family Small Group leaders training will be held at 3:10 pm at PJM in the Education Building..
7. Please make sure to submit an online Small Group report after the meeting.
8. The second Small Group meeting study guide will be in the Main Sanctuary lobby on a second Sunday of every month.
9. Diaspora Ministry: If someone from a Small Group is leaving the church to either another state or return to Korea, please inform the designated Community pastor in advance.

## A Heart [Mind-set] of a Person Receiving the Word

[Mark 4:1~20]

**Praise God:** Who Shall Be Like Him [New Hymn 455]

**Focus** | WA heart that receives the Word of God purely and enthusiastically produces much fruit like that of good soil.

**Opening Mind:** Prepare your heart by sharing your life during the past week, QT, or thankfulness.

**Opening Words:** Read Mark 4:1~20 together.

### Understanding the background

Jesus teaches his disciples the kingdom of God through parables. Parable is a method to understand something by comparing and expressing a different concept. Parable is also a mean to both conceal God's revelation to unbelievers and awaken revelation to believers. In Mark 4, there are the Parable of the Sower [vv. 3~20], the Parable of Seeds [vv. 26~29], and the Parable of the Mustard Seed [vv. 31~32]. In today's text, Jesus refers to four kinds of soil through the Parable of the Sower. The sower refers to "Jesus," the seed refers to the "Word of God," and the soil refers to the "heart of the one who receives the word of God."

### > Share the Word

**1-1. Observation and Meditation:** What was Jesus' way of teaching people? [v.2]. What are four types of soil in the Parable of the Sower, and what are their fruits? [vv.3~8]

**1-2. Application and Sharing:** Which type of soil is most similar to your heart when you receive God's Word? Please share your secret to maintaining a good soil/heart.

**2-1. Observation and Meditation:** Why did Jesus teach in parable [vv.11~12]? What is the reason for being unfruitful even when one hears the same Words? [vv.14~19]

**2-2. Application and Sharing:** Share your experience when you finally understood God's Words by either focusing on a sermon with a good heart or doing a Q.T.

### > Digesting Word

When receiving the Word of God, mind-set of recipients' hearts determine whether or not receivers will be fruitful. You may not know what kind of soil they have by their external appearances, but you can see their soil type after seeds grow. God's Word is truly a great seed. There is a great potential power that you cannot fathom. A good heart is a pure heart that receives God's Word wholeheartedly. If one receiving the Word does not have hardened heart like the roadside, frivolous heart like the rocky soil, nor of worldly heart like a thorn bush but have a good, genuine heart and focus on God's Word, then they will, with exception, bear much fruit.

**> Prayer through Word** | Let us reject hardened heart, frivolous, and greedy worldly heart, and completely focus on God's Words. Open our spiritual eyes so that the greatest mystery of the majestic Word that is above all else to be revealed to us..

**> Implant in Your Heart** | "But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." [Mark 4:20, ESV]