

**“The Sower and the Soils”**

Luke 8:1-15

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The parable of the sower and the soils is a metaphor for the gospel being spread among different kinds of hearts.

1. What are some characteristics of poor soil? How might these relate to a heart that rejects the gospel?
  - a. Some ideas regarding the soil: Hard, dry, without depth, without moisture, not enough sun, too much sun, not enough nutrients, too much (nitrogen burn), not enough water, mixed with weeds,
2. What makes good soil for farming or gardening? How might this relate to the heart prepared to receive the gospel and bear fruit for God?
  - a. Some ideas: broken down, tilled, cleared from weeds, set aside for its purpose, irrigated, tended often, enough compost and fertilizer for nutrients.
3. The parable was, in part, a lesson to the disciples who were soon to be sent out to preach the good news. What are some things that we can learn about how to share the gospel from this parable?
  - a. Some ideas from the sermon: sow broadly, generously, even wastefully. Sow prayerfully against the work of the devil. Sow patiently. And above all, make sure you are sowing good seed: the pure and simple gospel.
4. Look up other verses that use similar imagery; discuss what these add to the metaphor. Here are some to get you started:
  - a. 1 Cor 3:6-8 Paul planted, Apollos watered, God gave the growth...

- b. 1 Pet 1:23-25 Born of imperishable seed...
  - c. 1 Cor 9:11 Paul sowing spiritual things...
  - d. John 12:24 Speaking of Christ, unless a seed falls to the ground and dies...
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