

Sermon Notes

The Sower & the Soils

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Scripture: Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23 | Mark 4:3-9 | Luke 8:5-8

³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. ⁹ Whoever has ears, let them hear."

BIG IDEA

The Word of God is faithfully _____, but its fruitfulness depends on the condition of the _____ that receives it.

1. The Faithful _____ & the Planted _____

- The sower spreads the seed _____ and _____.
- The seed represents the _____ of _____.
- Faithfulness in sowing is our _____; results belong to _____.

2. The Failing _____ & the Resisting _____

1. The Hard Soil: A _____ Heart

- The Word is _____ away before it can take root.
- A hardened heart is often shaped by repeated _____.

2. The Shallow Soil: A _____ Heart

- The Word is received with _____ but has no _____.
- When trials come, faith quickly _____.

3. The Crowded Soil: A _____ Heart

- The Word is _____ by the cares of the world.
- Good things can _____ out God.

3. The Fruitful _____ & the Receiving _____

- The good soil _____ the Word attentively.
- The good soil _____ fast to the Word faithfully.
- The good soil bears fruit with _____ over time.