

**September 14, 2025**  
**Parable of the Sower**  
**Matthew 13:3-9**  
**Christian Growth Hour - Fellowship Hall**

- **Opening Announcements**
- **Opening Prayer**

**Big Group Opening Questions:**

- Have you ever seeded or planted anything?
- Did it do well, produce fruit, food, flowers, anything of beauty?
- If it did, how did you feel?
- If it didn't, how did you feel?

**BIG GROUP**

Parable of the sower: Matt 13:3-9

A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the seeds came up, the plants were scorched and they withered because they had no roots. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among the thorns which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop, a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.

**Observations**

- 4 kinds of soil on which the farmer sowed his seed.
- Only one out of four (25%) was fruitful.
- Why? Was all seed the same quality or same variety? Was the weather the same?
- Was it seeded at the same time? Was the farmer more diligent in one soil than the other?
- So what was the variable?
- Question: What kind of soil are you? what kind of soil am I?
- Question: Can our soil be amended (improved)? How?

**TABLE TIME**

Matthew 13:18-23 Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the message about the Kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in his heart. This is the seed sown along the path. <sup>20</sup>The one that received the seed sown on rocky places is the man who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. <sup>21</sup>But since he has no root, he lasts only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the Word, he quickly falls away. <sup>22</sup>The one who received the word that fell among the thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke it, making it unfruitful. <sup>23</sup>But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty, or thirty times what was sown.

- So should we be selective about where we sow the seed of God's Word?

- Is there anyone who doesn't need it?
- Is there anyone one God doesn't want to hear it?
- Is there anyone He doesn't want to be saved? 1 Timothy 2:4
- Should we be discouraged and throw in the towel if it seems like the seed we sow doesn't yield a hundred fold?
- How should we react?
- When we sow or share the seed of God's Word, or Jesus, what or who does success depend on?
- Which is more important, being a professional church worker, or having a relationship with the soil (person) we are trying to seed (share Jesus with)?
- Have you ever heard of seed to soil contact? What does that mean?

Verses to remember as we "sow" for Jesus:

Ephesians 4:32 Be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God, for Christ's sake has forgiven you!

1 Corinthians 15:58 Be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, for you know that your labor in the Lord is NOT in vain!

Proverbs 29:23 A man's pride will bring him low, but a humble spirit will obtain honor.