



6:30p Bible Study: Pastor Chip Luter

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

**"The Sower, The Seed, and The Soil"**  
**Matthew 13:1-23**

Opening Discussion

- What do you know about Parables in the Bible?
- What are a few of your favorites?

"Parables are Jesus' means of communicating truth through a narrative analogy in order to teach a moral or spiritual lesson. His parables produce very different results in different people: they hide truth from the "crowd", while they communicate truth to the disciples." (ESV Study Bible)

Main Observations

I. Jesus Introduces The Parable

II. Jesus Instructs the Purpose of Parables

- To \_\_\_\_\_ the truth to those whose hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.
- To \_\_\_\_\_ the truth to those whose hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

III. Jesus Interprets the Parable

- The Seed — The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel.
- The Sower — The \_\_\_\_\_ of the Gospel.
- The Soils — The \_\_\_\_\_ of the heart of those who hear the Gospel.
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Application

A. The Messengers of the Gospel

- Scatter the seed (Spread the Gospel)
- Pray for fertile soil

B. The Hearers of the Gospel

- Consider the condition of your heart.
- If your heart is ready, come to Christ today!

Big Idea

We can't control the substance of the seed nor the soil, but we can control the where, when, and how we scatter the seed. The Sower scatters the seed, prays for the soil, and leaves the rest up to the Lord who enables the opportunity for growth.

Personal Follow Up

- 1.) Recognize your condition. Has your heart received or rejected the Gospel?
- 2.) Review your production. Are you scattering the seed? Are you bearing fruit?