

The Parable of the Sower

Mark 4:1-25

Listen!

Helps unlock the understanding of other parables (Mark 4:13):

- Sheep and Goats (Matthew 25)
- Foolish and wise virgins (Matthew 25)
- Wheat and the Tares (Matthew 13)

Rocky Ground

Characteristics:

- Immediate results (Mark 4:5)
- Quick growth (Luke 8:15)
- Receive with gladness (Mark 4:16)
- Believe for a while (Luke 8:13)
- Quickly fall away (Luke 4:17)

Rocky Ground

How to help:

- Don't protect from tough truths
- Let them face the sun/ Tribulation
- Reveal them to be false
- Help establish deep roots

Weeds

Characteristics:

- Worriers (Mark 4:19)
- Focused on money/ earthly possessions (Mark 4:19)
- No fruits of the spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Make a lot of noise: no fruit, just branches
- Judas-like (Matthew 26:20)

Weeds

How to help:

- No need to root them out (Matthew 25:31-46)
- Let God sort them (Matthew 13: 24:30)
- Preach repentance: false converts don't need council, they need repentance (John 15:5)

Birds that Eat the Seed

Characteristics:

- Immediate rejection of God (Mark 4:15)

Birds that Eat the Seed

How to help:

- Keep throwing the seed (Mark 4:3)

The Good Soil

Characteristics:

- Gifts of the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23)
- Will not fall away (Psalm 26:1)
- Loves obeying God (Psalm 37:30)
- Satisfied in Christ (Psalm 17: 15)
- Falls into sin; doesn't dive into sin

The Good Soil

How to help:

- Help them produce fruit (Mark 4:20)

Why Sow the Seed?