

1  **Parables of Jesus**

The Sower: Matthew 13:3-23

The Talents: Matthew 25:1-12

Lost Coin & Sheep: Luke 15:1-10

Good Samaritan: Luke 10:25-37

2  **Each Sunday we will...**

► Explore in depth each parable. (Large Group)

► Make new discoveries. (Breakout)

► Share our stories. (Breakout)

► “Stir up one another to love and good works.” Hebrews 10:24 (Large Group)

3  **Faith Transformation**

► Process

► Being Conformed

► Image of Christ

► For the Sake of Others

4  **Let Us Pray**5  **The Parable of the Sower**

Matthew 13:3-23

6  **Parables**

v. 3

7  **Matthew 13:1-8**

► Sower v. 3- a farmer, common, a cultivator of soil, broadcasts seed

► Seed v. 3 – expensive, valued, unspectacular, vulnerable

► Along the path v. 4 – walked on, not cultivated, devoured by birds

► Rocky ground v. 5- shallow soil, sprang up at expense of root system

► Scorched v. 6- Rocks retain heat, roots protect

► Withered v 6- dried up, no roots

► Thorns v. 7- plowed field? takes nutrients, chokes, suffocates

► Good soil v. 8- rich, loamy, soft, deep, moisture/sunlight in right proportions

► Produced v. 8- 100x, 60x, 30x, not uniform

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- 8  **Matthew 13:9**
  - ▶ He who has ears, let him hear.
    - ▶ Warning?
    - ▶ A hint to a hidden meaning
    - ▶ Parable indicts the soil
- 9  **Matthew 13:10-17**
  - ▶ Why v. 10- Disciples concerned for the explanation, not method
  - ▶ Given the secrets v. 11- the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, not due to their agency, a gracious gift simply received
  - ▶ Not given v. 11- don't grasp the significance, apply to their condition, not received
  - ▶ A description not a prescription
  - ▶ The one who has v. 12 Those who receive- mercies are enriched, abundance
  - ▶ Has not v. 12- Those who do not receive become impoverish.
  - ▶ References Isaiah 6:9-10
  - ▶ Blessed...eyes...ears v. 17. Not hearing and believing are mans guilt; receiving –thirst, desire.
  - ▶ Not receiving results in hardening
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- 10  **Matthew 13:18-23**
  - ▶ Hear v. 18 receive
  - ▶ Hears the word...kingdom v. 19- the word never becomes a factor in their life, snatched away by evil. (Path)
  - ▶ No root v. 21- immediate joy, emotional, temporary eagerness, no depth withstand disappointment, trials. Quick acceptance = Quick offence (Rock)
  - ▶ But...cares ...deceitfulness v. 22- hear, but not sincere, do not use God's word to transform (Thorns)
  - ▶ Hears...understand....bears fruit v. 23 (Good)
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- 11  **Questions or Comments**
- 12  **4 Classes of Hearers**

- ▶What grabbed your attention?
- ▶How can you cultivate your heart to be good soil?

13  **Breakouts**

- ▶6-10 minutes
- ▶Person who travelled the furthest to get to their computer facilitates.
- ▶Click to button enter breakout group
- ▶Click button to rejoin large group

14  **What grabbed our attention?**

15  **How do we cultivate?**

16  **Next Week:**

- ▶Parable of the Talents