

# “PARABLE OF THE SOWER”

Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23

**Main Idea:** When seeds of the gospel are sown it takes root and produces an abundance in some but not others, for a variety of reasons.

## **The Sower and the Seed (3)**

Who is the sower?

What are the seeds?

## **The Seed Fall on Four Kinds of Soil (4-9)**

Along the path (4, 19)

The problem (4)

Jesus' interpretation (19)

Rocky soil (5-6, 20-21)

The problem (5-6)

Jesus' interpretation (20-21)

Among thorns (7, 22)

The problem (7)

Jesus' interpretation (22)

Good Soil (8, 23)

The result (8)

Jesus' interpretation (23)

## **Ears to Hear (9)**

# Family Life Groups

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1. The parable of the sower describes four types of soil (heart condition) that the seed (the gospel) falls on. Only *one* of the four soils successfully germinates the seed and produces a crop. Why does Jesus tell this story (i.e. As a warning? To produce anxiety or uncertainty in listeners? To simply state a fact?)? What effect does this parable have on your sense of assurance about your salvation? Is there something you can do to be sure about your salvation?
2. Does this parable inform or impact how you relate to professing Christians who presently are not living for the Lord or walking with the Lord? In what ways?
3. In thinking about your own spiritual journey, was there ever a time when you could compare your heart condition to one of the three “unsuccessful” soils? What do you think changed?

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