

Parable of the Soils

The spreading and reception of the word. He who has ears to hear, let me hear.

Sermon Questions

1. What is a parable? _____
2. Parables serve this purpose: (circle all that apply)
 - i. to illuminate truth for believers in Christ;
 - ii. to hide truth as a judgment upon those who reject Jesus.
3. What is the “word” that the seed represents in this parable? (circle all that apply)
 - i. The good news of the kingdom of God (God’s rule and reconciling the world);
 - ii. the good news of forgiveness of sin through Jesus, death, burial, and resurrection;
 - iii. the good news of eternal life and peace with God.
4. What is one way in which some might be tempted to “spread the word” and get better results?

5. What is needed to prepare hearts to receive the word? _____
6. List one thing so amazing about a seed? _____
7. The first “soil” (the hardened path) represents the lost, the others represent Christians of varying levels of obedience with varying levels of reward. (Yes/No)
8. The second soil represents those who haven’t embraced Jesus; they’ve embraced _____ and what Jesus can do for them.
9. The third soil represents those who trade their _____ for the pleasures of this life.
10. The fourth soil represents those who cling to the _____ in season and out of season.

Discussion/Meditation Questions

1. Which soil matches closest to who you were in the past? What led you to see the grace of Christ and for good soil to be cultivated?
2. What aspects of God's law are needed in our day of lawlessness and sensuality? How do we communicate these things?
3. In what ways can we see our lives bear more fruit as we respond in faith to the word of God? What is one thing that can be done this coming week in that regard?
4. What was your most significant take-away from this passage and sermon? Share this with another brother or sister in the fellowship.

Extras for the Children

What song did you enjoy the most today? _____

What did you learn about God today? _____

What words did you not know today? _____

