WORDS FOR DISCOURAGED SEED-SOWERS  
OR: THINGS TO REMEMBER AS YOU SHARE YOUR FAITH

Meanings:  Sower – _______________  Field – ______- Christian  Seed – Gospel

I. THE SOILS

QUESTION: As you evaluate your spiritual life, which soil are you?

II. WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THIS PARABLE ABOUT PREPARING THE SOIL TO RECEIVE THE WORD OF GOD?

1. Show the relevance of the Gospel - “_______ what” – a demonstration that Christianity works in everyday life.
2. Take the time to _______ the soil.  Building ______________
3. Help keep distractions to a minimum during the services.
4. Allow them ______________ before they ______________.

III. WHAT DOES THIS PARABLE HAVE TO SAY TO DISCOURAGED SEED-SOWERS?

1. A ___________ of seed must be sown to produce a crop
   Isa. 55:11 - “It will not return void – it will accomplish the purpose I intend for it.”

William Willimon: "Good teachers must be in love with the art of sowing the seed, but they do not need to be there for the harvest."

2. Not all soils produce, but it’s not always easy to tell ___________ _______ _______

3. We must ______________ sowing if we hope to have a harvest
   Gal. 6:9 “At the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.”

4. We reap more than we sow

5. We can’t do anything about ___________ harvests, but we can about this one
   Don’t keep fretting about “the one that got away”

6. We must believe in the ___________ we sow, knowing some will produce ___________
   _______________ is in charge of the harvest!

7. The harvest makes it all worthwhile – but remember, the harvest is “the end of the age”, not the end of the church service or the end of your work day!!

In our spirit and life should be 3 overarching words – Matt. 9:35-39
______________  How many non-Christian friends do I have?
______________  Find a need and fill it; find a hurt and heal it.
______________  Everything must be saturated in prayer. This is spiritual warfare!

Don’t be discouraged – at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we don’t give up!!!