

Matt. 13:3-9; 18-23; (Mark 4:1-8; 14-20) 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!!!

