



The Parable of the Sower

Luke 8:4-15

Something to Start Us Off

- Describe a response that you have personally observed to the gospel message. It can even be one that you have had yourself at one time or another.

Something to Notice

- Notice that Jesus did not explain the parable until he was asked about its meaning. Imagine this story stopped after v.8. What might you be thinking?
- Let's skim over the passage and choose one or more key words. Why would you say the word you have chosen is significant?

Something to Understand

This parable appears in Matthew, Mark and Luke. Only in Matthew does Jesus call it "the parable of the sower." (Matt13:18)

- Let's take each of the four types of soil and describe what this response might look like in real life.
 - a) The seed sown along the path
 - b) The seed that fell on the rock
 - c) The seed that fell among thorns
 - d) The seed that fell into good soil
- Do you find it noteworthy that three out of the four responses seem to have an overall negative outcome? Does that match your experience in observing people who hear God's word?

Something to Take Home

- In what ways can we ensure that the word sown into our lives is like the seed that lands on good soil?
- Is there anything else from this look at Luke 8:4-15 that you especially want to remember for future reference? Can you explain why?