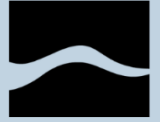


SERMON NOTES

TELL ME ABOUT HIS PARABLES: THE SOWER

Mark 4:1-20



BIG IDEA: Not everyone responds to Jesus the same way, but true disciples are marked by spiritual hearing, heartfelt reception, and lasting fruit.

APPLICATION GUIDE

JUNE 22, 2025

DISCUSS

Can you think of a time when you and someone else heard the same message, but responded to it in very different ways? What do you think made the difference?

What stands out to you about the way Jesus taught the crowds using parables instead of plain speech?

Why do you think Jesus describes this parable as foundational to understanding all the others (v. 13)?

What do the four soils reveal about the different ways people respond to the Word of God?

APPLY

Which of the four soils best reflects the current condition of your heart—and why?

What tends to choke out God's Word in your life? (e.g., anxiety, distractions, worldly desires)

How do you usually respond when God's Word challenges or convicts you?

What could it look like this week to cultivate "good soil" in your heart?

COMMIT

Ask God to show you one specific way you can become more receptive to his Word this week—then act on it. That may mean carving out time to reflect on Scripture, removing a spiritual distraction, or confessing an area of resistance to God.