

### Action Point

I must cultivate my \_\_\_\_\_ to receive God's Word to produce change in my life.

### Do you have good soil?

*"the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."*

**Galatians 5:22-23**

### What will you do as a result of today's message?

Start a Bible reading plan

(One Year Bibles available at Next Steps kiosk and Grace bookstore)

Get involved in a Bible study

Watch Bible studies on Right Now Media

(get info at Next Steps kiosk)

## THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST

*The good news is that the just and gracious Creator of the universe has looked upon hopelessly sinful men and women and has sent His Son, Jesus Christ, God in the flesh, to bear His wrath against sin on the cross and to show His power over sin in the resurrection, so that everyone who turns from their sin and themselves, and trusts in Jesus as Savior and Lord, will be reconciled to God forever.*

If you would like more information about following Christ, go to the NEXT STEPS kiosk or Bookstore kiosk to get a free Bible and resources to help you grow. You can learn more about water baptism and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

Next Sunday

## Parable of the Talents

*This Wednesday*

*Worship and The Word*

*7:00pm to 8:15pm—In the Worship Center*

# { PARABLES }

## Part 1 Parable Of The Soils

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### What is a Parable?

*A simple \_\_\_\_\_ that illustrates a profound truth.*

### Why did Jesus tell stories?

Stories are timeless

Stories are visual

Stories are simple

Stories capture the imagination

Stories communicate

### The Parable of The Soils

*"...Jesus began to teach by the lake. The crowd that gathered around him was so large that he got into a boat and sat in it out on the lake, while all the people were along the shore at the water's edge. <sup>2</sup> He taught them many things by parables, and in his teaching said: <sup>3</sup> "Listen! A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup> As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup> Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup> But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, some multiplying thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times."*

**- Mark 4:1-9**

# BIBLE STUDY PRINCIPLE #1

## CONTEXT

Who is the writer speaking to? Who is the audience?

Example . . . The Four Gospels

Matthew wrote to

Mark wrote to

Luke wrote to

John wrote to

What is the seed?

## THE S \_\_\_\_\_

*“A farmer went out to sow his SEED...” v. 3*

*“The farmer sows the word . . .” v. 14*

*“...the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”*

**Hebrews 4:12**

### Action Point

Whatever area of my life I want to grow,  
I must invest God’s Word there.

*“Hold firmly to the Word of Life.”*

**Philippians 2:16 NLT**

### Action Point

I must share God’s Word with others

## THE S \_\_\_\_\_

*“A farmer went out to SOW his seed...” v. 3*

## THE S \_\_\_\_\_

*“The farmer sows the word. Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them. Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful. Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”*

**Mark 4:14-20**

### The H \_\_\_\_\_ heart

*“Some people are like seed along the path, where the word is sown. As soon as they hear it, Satan comes and takes away the word that was sown in them.”*

**Mark 4:15**

### The R \_\_\_\_\_ heart

*“Others, like seed sown on rocky places, hear the word and at once receive it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.”*

**Mark 4:16-17**

### The T \_\_\_\_\_ heart

*“Still others, like seed sown among thorns, hear the word; but the worries of this life, the deceitfulness of wealth and the desires for other things come in and choke the word, making it unfruitful.”*

**Mark 4:18-19**

### The H \_\_\_\_\_ heart

*“Others, like seed sown on good soil, hear the word, accept it, and produce a crop—some thirty, some sixty, some a hundred times what was sown.”*

**Mark 4:20**