

Friday, July 17, 2020

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



This ageless farming metaphor, which describes the results of where the seeds land in relation to the eventual size and scope of the crop, is a well used metaphor in the first century since it is clearly understood by Jesus' audience.

In the setting of the local church—*continuing this metaphor*—why does some of the seed land in barren areas that are *not* fertile or productive?

Saturday, July 18, 2020

Life Application and Challenge



The popular teaching metaphor of sowing seeds is one that Jesus used in his teaching, as well as expecting a crop *as a result* of the sowing.

Using this agrarian metaphor here in the twenty-first century, we know that much of what is sown is wasted. How can we help to ensure that more of the seeds will grow into a healthy crop in our discipling others?

THE † QUARRY

DIGGING DOWN DEEPER IN DAILY DEVOTIONS

¹³ "Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it. ¹⁴ But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.—Matthew 7:13-14—NIV

“Why Is Engagement Essential to Discipling Others?
 Isaiah 55:10-13; Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
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²³ But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown."
Matthew 13:23—NIV

What teaching points, lifestyle questions, and biblical learnings can I take away from the sermon and apply to my own life today?



MY DAILY PRAYER FOCUS

Please pray for this church:
**that we would be more proactively
 engaged in seeking out persons
 with whom we could share Christ.**

Monday

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We are on this journey together. There is no need to travel it alone...

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MY PRAYER JOURNAL
FOR THE WEEK

Monday, July 13, 2020

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23



Some of the scattered seeds of Jesus' ministry fell (1) on the hard ground of the well-traveled path, (2) on the rocky ground, and (3) among the thorns. Still other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth large crops of grain.

Do all of the scattered seeds of the ministries, missions, and witness of this church land on fertile ground and produce a crop? Why? Why not?

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

Isaiah 55:10-13



We read in vv. 10-11 that just as the rain and snow that water the earth do not return to the heavens *until* they have accomplished their designed purpose, the Word of God does what is intended *before* it returns to God.

What is the most important lesson we can learn from this passage? How can these words give us hope in times of need? Explain with examples.

Wednesday, July 15, 2020

Psalm 65:(1-8) 9-13



This passage clearly explains to the hearer/reader that God did not simply create and then walk away leaving creation behind. God is involved in the lives of those whom he created even to this day.

With attention to God's knowledge of our suffering, how do these verses (1) speak to us, (2) inform our faith, and (3) help us to grow in that faith?

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Romans 8:1-11



Many of the Apostle Paul's teachings can be difficult. This is due in part to his faithfulness to God in all situations, as well as his expectation that *all people* should exhibit this same steadfast faithfulness.

We experience great joy as a result of learning that if we are in Christ we are not condemned to eternal death. How does this lesson impact you? Explain.

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