

The Sower and the Seed

Mark 4:1-20

- 1. The seed on the path**
- 2. The seed on the rocky ground**
- 3. The seed among thorns**
- 4. The seed on good ground**

Personal and Mid-Week Study:

Read Mark 4:1-9

Pray and ask the Lord to help you understand this parable.

Mark 4:10-13

Why does Jesus like to teach in parables?

Who is the sower? (v14)

Mark 4:15

What does it mean that Satan takes the word that is sown?

What would a real life example be of this?

Mark 4:16-17

What are some indicators of shallow roots?

Mark 4:18-19

Seeds sown among thorns are easily distracted. What are the most common distractions you see today for people abandoning God's Word?

Mark 4:20; John 15:1-8

In comparing the Parable of the Sower with John 15, how is staying connected to Jesus related to growing and bearing fruit?

What would bearing 30, 60, or 100 times worth of fruit look like?

For Further Consideration and Application:

Take a personal inventory. With which seed do you most identify?

Take an inventory of your missional context (i.e. City of Bennettsville.) With which seed do you think most people here identify?

How do we cultivate fertile ground for seeds planted to take root and bear good fruit?

Prayer Point:

Pray that you would dig deeper into God's Word so that you would more rooted in His truth. Pray that God would help you root out distractions so that you may bear good fruit. Pray that you would be sensitive to the hearts around you so that you may cultivate good spiritual ground there.