

Week 1: THE DESIRE OF GOD'S LOVE
DAY 4: PARABLE OF THE SOWER

Luke 8:4-15 (ESV)

And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

So often we feel that it is our obligation to "win people for the Lord." However, we don't have the ability nor the authority to win people for Jesus; that is God's job alone. What we are called to do according to the Great Commission is to, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." We are called to go and share. We are called to share the gospel with our family and friends. We are called to share the gospel with co-workers and those who we socialize with. We are called to share the gospel at the little league baseball park or at the gas station or the grocery store. We are called to go into our world and share the hope and forgiveness that we gain from the suffering on the Cross.

What the parable of the sower is telling us is that we are supposed to spread the word of God wide and far. There are going to be those who struggle to hear, are distracted by Satan, or are consumed with the things of this world. But there will also be those who hear and accept the word of God and will bear much fruit. It is our job to spread the word of God to those we encounter everyday so that they may have the opportunity to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

FAMILY TABLE TALK QUESTIONS

1. Is it our job as believers to "Win people for Christ" or spread the word of God?
2. Who is it in your life that you need to share the word of Christ with?

PRAYER FOCUS

- Pray that God will lay someone on your heart who needs to hear His word.
- Pray that God will put someone in your path today to which you can share the gospel.
- Thank God for the person that He put in your life who shared the gospel with you.

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