



## NEW HORIZONS SMALL GROUPS

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**Sermon Title:** Stories of the Kingdom: The Sower

**Scripture Reference:** Matthew 13:10-13

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### **Connection:**

- What do you remember most from last week's sermon?
- How did you hear God's voice or sense His presence this past week?
- What are you looking forward to this month?

### **Reflection:**

- Summarize this week's sermon in one to three sentences. What was the main point of the message?
- What did the message say about you, God's people or the world?

### **Application:**

1. "Ears to hear" check: When you hear Jesus teach, what most often hardens you (footpath), makes you shallow/temporary (rocky), distracts you (thorns), or helps you receive and obey (good soil)? What's one real-life example from this last month?
2. Heart posture audit (with reading): Read Psalm 95:6-11. Where do you sense God warning you about a "hardened heart" right now? What would softening look like in one specific decision or habit this week?
3. Root depth vs. quick-start faith (with reading): Read Colossians 2:6-7. What practices actually help you grow "roots" (not just a moment)? Which one do you need to re-start or strengthen? Scripture, prayer, community, confession, serving, generosity, Sabbath, etc.?
4. Thorns and competing loves (with reading): Read 1 John 2:15-17. What "thorns" are most likely choking your attention and affection for Jesus right now (money stress, comfort, entertainment, career, anxiety, busyness...even good things)? What's one boundary you could set this week that would create space for the Word to grow?

5. Multiplying harvest: The sermon said the point isn't comparing harvest sizes but producing fruit and sharing seed. What would "30/60/100x" look like in your life in a normal, non-fictional way? What fruit needs to show up, and who is one person you can intentionally sow into this week?