



Title | Soil Testing
Series | So You Can Know For Sure
Text | Luke 8:4-15
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Sermon Notes

Luke 8:4 And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, 5 “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. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 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.” 9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’ 11 Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. 12 The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. 14 And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. 15 As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.” ESV

Big Idea:

Colossians 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ESV

For Reflection and Application:

Monday:

Read Luke 8:4-15. What is the main point of the parable? How can you apply it to your life?

Tuesday:

Read Luke 8:9-10. Why does Jesus use parables? Why doesn't he make everything obvious to everybody?

Wednesday

Read Luke 8:4-15. Which of the four soils best describes you right now? Does something need to change?

Thursday:

Read Luke 8:4-15. What are the distinguishing characteristics of the good soil and how can you cultivate it? What is the fruit? (Consider John 13:35; 15:8; Galatians 5:22-23.)

Friday:

Read Colossians 3:16. How does this relate to the parable of the soils in Luke 8:4-15? What help does it provide in learning how we can let the word of Christ dwell in us richly? How can you apply this to your life?

Daily Prayer:

Lord, please give me the wisdom and courage to let the word of Christ dwell in me richly so that I may bear fruit for you. Amen

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