



SEEDS & SOILS (13:1-9,18-23)

A. BACKGROUND

1. Last Week

2. Sowing & Planting in the Prophets

B. BODY

1. The Path (vv. 4, 19)

2. The Rocks (vv. 5-6, 20-21)

3. The Thorns (vv. 7, 22)

4. The Good Soil (vv. 8, 23)

C. BIG QUESTIONS

1. Questions for Plants

2. Questions for Sowers

1. Share how you've seen God at work in this previous week (perhaps in answer to prayer requests), or other ways you've seen his goodness.
2. What insight, principle, or observation from the message did you find most helpful, most challenging, or most troubling? Explain.
3. Think about how hardships can choke the word of God. Describe how you might find that happening in your life now, or how it may have happened to you in the past.
4. On Sunday we learned that we need to be striving for the finish line - all 4 plants seemed hopeful at first, but only 1 endured & bore fruit. Consider the different plants & what the following Scriptures say that can help us to guard ourselves from becoming like them.

1. Planted in the paths: Ephesians 3:14-19; Colossians 1:9-11

- *Understanding is supernatural, so Paul is praying in these passages. Now, or after, pray these passages for one another, as all good fruit begins with understanding & loving Christ.*

2. Planted in the rocks: 1 Peter 4:12-19, Revelation 2:9-11, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

3. Planted in the thorns: 1 Timothy 6:7-12, Peter 2:11, Hebrews 13:5-6

5. Where are you right now in bearing fruit (obedience in faith)? How could you be encouraged & prayed for in this?
6. Pray together, asking God to give the increase to your spiritual walk.

next week: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43