

Wheelersburg Baptist Church 4/27/2025

Matthew 13:1-23 “The Parable of the Sower”

Series: “The King’s Parables in Matthew’s Gospel”

I. Jesus tells _____ (1-9).

A. A farmer sowed _____ (3).

B. The seed fell on four kinds of _____ (4-8).

II. Jesus tells us _____ He tells parables (10-17).

A. He told them to _____ truth.

B. He told them to _____ truth.

III. Jesus tells us the _____ of the parable of the sower (18-23).

A. Some people listen with _____ hearts (19).

B. Some people listen with _____ hearts (20-21).

C. Some people listen with _____ hearts (22).

D. Some people listen with _____ hearts (23).

1. This person _____ God's Word.

2. This person _____ God's Word.

3. This person keeps exhibiting the _____ of God's Word.

Make It Personal: What happens when I hear God's _____?

Community Group Discussion:

1. Today we are beginning a new series on The King’s Parables in Matthew’s Gospel. What is a parable? What was happening in Jesus’ ministry in Matthew 13 that prompted Him to tell a series of stories about the kingdom of heaven?

2. Jesus begins by telling a parable about a farmer sowing seed. Read again this parable in verses 1-9. What stands out to you? What is the point of Jesus’ command in verse 9?

3. Jesus gives a rather shocking explanation as to why He told parables. According to verses 11-13, why does He say He spoke in parables? How does His explanation affect you? Why would Jesus not want certain people to understand Him?

4. In Jesus’ explanation of the first parable in verses 18-23, He identifies four kinds of people who respond in four different ways to His Word. What are they? What are the similarities between them? The differences?

5. What practical effect should this parable have on us and the way we treat God’s Word? What do you plan to do this week to implement the meaning of this parable?