



The Sower and the Soils
Week 1
(Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 ESV)

A good story can communicate truth like few other things. Jesus was a master storyteller who used parables to explain truths about God and living in a way that honors Him. In this series, we'll learn from some of the parables of Jesus about the life that He invites us to live.

CELEBRATION

Last Sunday Brian Gaydos went public with his faith in Jesus through baptism!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DC Serve is coming fast! You can get information on how you and your small group can plug in to this powerful community ministry initiative at southview.org

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Jesus' story about the sower and the soils prompts us to ask the question - how's your soil? Which of the four soils do you resonate most with today?
2. Pastor William said that sometimes we are all four soils on the same day! It's the same Sower - the same seed - only the soil is different. We have to choose to work the ground in order to be good soil that bears much fruit. What is God prompting you to "work the ground" on right now? Which of the 5 Gs (grace, gifts, giving, groups, growth) is where your next step is?
3. Distractions are many, and they can choke the seed that God puts in us. Our enemy destroys by distraction! What are some patterns/habits that you can develop in your life to help you focus on God and avoid the distractions? What priorities (roots) do you need to determine in order for your decisions to be made by your priorities, not by your circumstances?

MOVING FORWARD

To be good soil that bears much fruit, we have to work the ground.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

"As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."
— Matthew 13:23 (ESV)