A farmer went out to plant his seed...

A parable is a story with a <u>spiritual</u> meaning.

1 Corinthians 2:14

Types of <u>Dirt</u>.

Luke 8:4-15

- Hard-packed
- Rocky & Shallow
- <u>Weedy</u>
- <u>Good</u>

NEXT STEPS

Use these notes to turn a message into a conversation. Join with one person or many and continue to grow by using these next steps this week.

MY STORY

Have you ever heard a story, song or seen a movie so intriguing that it drove you to find out more about it? If so, how did you find out more?

GOING DEEPER

The disciples got alone with God and asked him to explain the parable of the Sower. God has a unique opportunity to deal with us clearly and plainly when we take time alone with him.

Take ten minutes or more this week and get alone with Jesus like the disciples did. Read some of the Scriptures from Sunday's notes and have ears open to receive what God has to say to your heart.

Feel free to write your thoughts below.

We can choose to become <u>Good Dirt</u> people.

2 Corinthians 5:17 / Psalm 19 / Psalm 95 / Titus 2:11-14 / Titus 3:3-8 / Hebrews 12:1-3

In Luke 8, Jesus tells a story about a farmer who sows his seed on four types of soil. To his disciples, he explains the meaning. This week we're focusing on these four types of dirt.

What kind of dirt (Hard-Packed; Rocky; Weedy; Good) are the people in the following passages and why do you think so?

• Luke 18:18-30

• Luke 8:1-3

TAKING IT HOME

2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us through Jesus we can be a new creation. We don't have to be hard, fruitless dirt... We can be Good Dirt!

Good Dirt People *hear* **God's word.** List a few ways throughout your day that you can hear God's Word.

Good Dirt People *cling* **to God's word.** When God's Word lands on your heart, do you seek understanding? If so, how?

Good Dirt People *produce* **over time.** Bearing fruit takes time... Take a minute to reflect on the last few years of your life. What is your life producing? What would you like your life to produce?

• John 6:25-66

• John 6:67-68

• Luke 11:37-54

PRAYER REQUESTS

Read: Luke 6:46-49 & James 1:22-24. Considering the verses in James and Luke, what does the wise person do when they hear God's Word?