

Jesus, Friend of The Lost

Luke 8:1 After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, 2 and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; 3 Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means. 4 While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: 5 "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. 6 Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown." When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." 9 His disciples asked him what this parable meant. 10 He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, " "though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand." 11 "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. 12 Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. 13 Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. 14 The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. 15 But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.

This Series, We Are Learning . . .

1. That Jesus really _____ about people and shows Himself to be a true _____.
2. There are _____ of friendship that need to be _____ by all of God's people.

Jesus' Mission

1. He came to _____ those who were lost in _____.

Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.

Jesus' Method

1. He often used parables to _____ people to think about _____ things.

Luke 8:7b When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

2. It was a call to not only hear but to also _____.

Jesus' Meaning

1. The parable teaches about how people _____ to God's Word.
 - Insiders
 - Outsiders

4 Types of Soil – 4 Types of Responses

1. The path represents the _____ heart.

Zechariah 7:11 "But they refused to pay attention; stubbornly they turned their backs and stopped up their ears. 12 They made their hearts as hard as flint . . .

The message can't _____ their heart.

2. The rocky soil represents the _____ heart.

This person believes for _____ but they have no _____.

3. The thorny soil represents the _____ heart.

Luke 10:41 "Martha, Martha," the Lord answered, "you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.

This person has divided _____. They have not room for God.

4. The good soil represents the _____ heart.

This person hears it, _____ it, and produces _____.

Closing Thoughts

What type of soil represents your heart this morning?

1. A heart can _____.
2. Plant yourself in _____ soil.