

## Seed Sower #2

**Pray:** Ask the Lord to teach you about people.

**Read:** Luke 8:4-15

**In our last Bible study we studied the Parable of the Sower; today we will study the explanation Jesus gave to His disciples. Discover the variety among people.**

- The seed in this parable is the Word of God (v. 11).
- The soils in this parable are people who hear the Word of God (vv. 12-15).

Study the varied ways in which people respond to the Word of God.

### 1. THE ROADSIDE HEARERS (v. 12)

- a) What happens to the Word when they hear it?
- b) What does not happen in their lives?

**These are the unresponsive and unconverted. They hear accidentally, but are too hardened by sin to respond.**

### 2. THE ROCKY GROUND HEARERS (v. 13)

- a) How do they respond to the Word?
- b) What indicates that they do not respond properly?
- c) Are they really committed to Jesus Christ? (*Thought Question*)

**These lack an in-depth faith. The Word of God is not allowed to take root. Their response is superficial and temporary. They yield to temptation, but not to God.**

### 3. THE THORNY GROUND HEARERS (v. 14)

- a) These have life, but are choked to fruitlessness. What limits the lives of these kinds of persons?

**These are polluted by sin. They do not pull the weeds out of their lives, thus they are unfruitful. These are the unresponsive and unconverted. They hear accidentally, but are too hardened by sin to respond. Note: A garden needs more than seed, sunshine, and rain. It also requires a hoe.**

### 4. THE GOOD GROUND HEARERS (v. 15)

- a) What indicates their heart condition?
- b) How do these respond to the Word of God?
- c) What is the result of the Word in their lives?

5. Read Mark 4:20 (a parallel passage) and note the various levels of fruitfulness among those who do bear fruit. Not every believer produces fruit to the extent of his potential. Some produce 30-60-100 times their personal lives. What will you have to change in your life to produce a spectacular harvest?

**Pray: Lord, help me to understand the difference in the way people respond to God's Word.**