

# **Lesson 7 (7/12): Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 — The Parable of the Sower: Hearing and Growing**

## **Scripture Focus**

Jesus uses the image of a farmer scattering seed to describe different ways people receive God's Word. The focus is not primarily on the seed but on the condition of the soil.

## **Read the verse(s) aloud**

Memorable quotes/notes:

## **Historical / Linguistic Context**

- First-century farmers often scattered seed before fully preparing the soil, making Jesus' imagery familiar to His audience.
- The four soils represent different responses to God's message.
- The seed remains the same; what differs is the condition of the hearer's heart.
- Fruitfulness in Scripture often symbolizes spiritual growth, obedience, and influence on others.

## **Discussion Questions**

1. Which "soil" do you find easiest to understand from personal experience?
2. How can a person's "soil" change over time?
3. What habits help prepare our hearts to receive God's Word more deeply?
4. What sort of "yield" can/has God's word produced in your own life?

## **CLOSING PRAYER**

