



God stories - Parables of the Kingdom – the sower and soils

Pastor Steve spoke to us about Jesus’ “parable of the sower” that is actually more about where the seed lands than the sower.

In the story, the ground represents us, people, and how well conditions and attitudes receive the seed being sown – which represents God’s word.

We are all subject to life’s issues; the result of them on us depends on our hearts though. Proverbs 4.23 warns us to guard our hearts.

Issues are easier to deal with when we “nip them in the bud” than when they’ve grown big.

God wants our lives to bear good results from the words He sends us and He can help us to allow that to happen.

Key scripture: Mark 4:1-20

Remember to BLESS people.

Questions

1. How does the Holy Spirit help us to condition our hearts so that we can always be receptive to God’s word?
2. Can we, as Christians, be “tough” on ourselves somehow so that we can be tender towards God?
3.
 - a. Should God adapt His message to make it easier for His audience to receive?
 - b. Should we adapt our message to suit the audience when we share the gospel of Jesus with people outside of the church?

MEMORY VERSE

John 15:16 You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit—fruit that will last—and so that whatever you ask in my name the Father will give you.