

SUNDAY OF THE CHURCH YEAR: Proper 10A



MAIN POINT

The word of God is like a seed

SCRIPTURE FOCUS

The seeds that fell on good ground are the people who hear and understand the message. They produce as much as a hundred or sixty or thirty times what was planted. **Matthew 13:23**

AIDS

Four small pots. Fill the first with gravel to represent a path, the second with rocks, the third with thorns or thistles, and the fourth with good soil. You could label the outside of the four pots with large words – PATH, ROCKS, THORNS, GOOD SOIL.

CHAT

How have you grown over the past year?

e.g. taller, longer hair, learned more

What things have helped you to grow?

e.g. food, water, parents, school

Jesus told a story of a farmer sowing the seed, he talked about four different places where the seeds fell. Do you know what happened to each of the seeds?

They fell on a path – just like the gravel in this pot. Show pot 1.

They fell on rocks just like in this pot of rocks. Show pot 2.

They fell on dirt and grew up but were choked out by the thorns – just like in this pot. Show pot 3.

They fell on good soil and grew well. Like in this pot. Show pot 4.

We are going to say our prayer today as we look at each pot and ask God to help us grow like the seeds in the good soil and to share Jesus' love with everyone we meet.

PRAYER

Lord God, please keep us from having hearts that are hard, like a path.

Keep us from having hearts that are shallow, like soil on rocky ground.

Keep us from having hearts that are easily choked, like seeds among thorns.

Instead, make our hearts like good soil, so that we gladly receive your word and accept it.

Amen.

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