



JANUARY 8, 2023  
THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER  
MATTHEW 13:1-23

**Big Idea:** Participation in God's Kingdom requires transformation by God's Word

I. The Parable

II. The Explanation

III. The Application

**Reflection Questions:**

1. *In the sermon, we said that understanding is about a posture of the heart, not an intellectual comprehension. How does that change the way you hear the parable of the good soil as someone who hears God's word and "understands" it?*
2. *In this season of your life, which of the kinds of soil do you feel you identify with most closely? (We will all struggle in different seasons in different ways, so be honest!) Take this to God and tell Him where you feel like you are right now. Ask for His help to hear and understand His word both as you read it in the Bible and as you hear the prompting of the Holy Spirit.*
3. *God's invitation is gentle, loving, and full of grace (not shaming, destructive, or condemning). What do you sense God saying to you this morning as you reflect honestly on the posture of your heart toward His word and His mission.*