

Parable of The Kingdom of God - Part 01 (Sower)

(Luke 8:4-15)

I. Parable of The Kingdom Of God

- ▶ A parable is a short story that teaches a moral or spiritual lesson, especially one of those told by Jesus as recorded in the Bible
- ▶ The first parable is about a sower who sowed seeds on four different types of soils. The seed is the word of God Luke 8:11
- ▶ Your heart must be good soil so that each seed of the word of God that is planted in your heart may grow and bear plentiful sweet and good fruits for the glory of God
- ▶ If the word of God grows in you:
 - ~ Others might see your good deeds and glorify God Mat. 5:16
 - ~ You will be more pleasing God's heart

 Teacher's testimony about allowing the word of God to grow in their life and the impacts of it

II. Four Different Types of Soil

- ▶ From this parable we learn about four different types of soil where the sower sowed his seeds. Three of them were solely infertile soil. Only one soil that was suitable for the seeds to grow.

1. The path of the road Luke 8:5,12

- ▶ The first soil was the path of a road. Can you imagine what would happen if you put any seed of plants/trees on a path of a road? It will not definitely be able to grow and bear fruits, won't it?.
- ▶ Spiritual meaning: if someone forgot all of the word of God that he/she has heard, this is a clear sign that his/her heart is simply like a seed being planted on a path of a road.
- ▶ Ask the children what could we do in order not to forget all the words of God that we have heard?

 Teacher's testimony about the practice they do in order not to forget the words of God

2. The rocks Luke 8:6,13

- ▶ Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root
- ▶ People with "rocky" heart, they believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away
- ▶ Encourage the children to keep trusting and believing in God in all circumstances

3. The Thorns Luke 8:7,14

- ▶ These are the ones who hear, but then the seed is crowded out and nothing comes of it as they go about their lives worrying about tomorrow, making money, and having fun.

 Teacher's testimony about how they overcame their worry and what was the result?

4. Good Soil Luke 8:8,15

- ▶ The seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.

 Teacher's testimony on their experience of being good soil for the seeds of word of God

III. Class Creativity