

Small Beginnings
The Parables of Jesus
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- Theme: In this parable we see that a seed of TRUTH can grow into a KINGDOM.
- The Sower story - Matthew 13:1-9 NIV
 - ✓ SEED - The words of God/truth
 - ✓ SOWER - One who spreads seed/evangelist
 - ✓ SETTING - A field, the world/people
 - ✓ SCENARIOS - A path, rocky ground, thorny, and good soil
- The Sower explained - Matthew 13:18-23 NIV
 - 1) Christ builds His Kingdom through His DISCIPLES/Sowers
 - 2) The path was HARD and unresponsive - Evil takes opportunity away
 - 3) Rocky ground is SHALLOW/emotional
 - *Initial enthusiasm and excitement
 - 4) Thorns are prickly and can TRAP us in the PAST
 - *Materialism and worldliness
 - 5) Good soil represents a RECEPTIVE heart that allows ROOTS to grow
 - *There is no option of being a FOLLOWER that produces NO FRUIT
- Practical - Matthew 13:44-46 NIV
 - ✓ The Treasure
 - ✓ The Pearl
 - *God's people/good soil, cost Jesus everything, but the sacrifice was His JOY
 - *Jesus thinks you are VALUABLE!