



## Sermon Guide:

### Tilling the Plains: The Soil in Which We Toil (2/11/2023)

Join us **tomorrow, Sunday (2/12/2023), at 7 PM** on Zoom for Sermon Essentials to dive deeper into today's message. You can use the link <https://zoom.us/j/285038684> or call 312.626.6799 and enter the ID 285 038 684 to be a part of the discussion.

Read *Christ Object Lessons*, chapter 2, "The Sower Went Forth to Sow"

Text: Mark 4:14 "The sower sows the word."

#### The Parable of the Sower

Reference verses: Matthew 13:3-8; Mark 4:3-8; Luke 8:5-8

1. How did reading these three versions of this parable enhance your understanding of what Jesus was communicating?

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#### The Sower and the Seed

Reference verses: Mark 4:14; Luke 8:11

2. If the seed is the word of God, what does the field represent?

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3. What laws govern the sowing of the Gospel seeds?

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#### The Hardened Path

Reference verses: Matthew 13:19; Mark 4:15; Luke 8:12

4. Why does the Gospel find it impossible to take root in hard soil?

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### **The Rocky Soil**

Reference verses: Matthew 13:20-21; Mark 4:16-17; Luke 8:13

5. Why should the Gospel be received with great joy?

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6. There are people who look happily at receiving the message of the Gospel. What are they really hoping will take place in their lives?

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### **The Seed Among the Weeds**

Reference verses: Matthew 13:22; Mark 4:18-19; Luke 8:14

7. How can those who find themselves amongst the weeds and thistles become productive?

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### **The Fertile Ground**

Reference verses: Matthew 13:23; Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15

8. Can we blame others if the Gospel fails to take root in our hearts? Explain

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9. How does this statement from *Christ's Object Lessons* move you into becoming fertile soil for the Gospel?

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“So Christ, the heavenly Sower, went forth to sow. He left His home of security and peace, left the glory that He had with the Father before the world was, left His position upon the throne of the universe. He went forth, a suffering, tempted man; went forth in solitude, to sow in tears, to water with His blood, the seed of life for a world lost.” – Ellen White, *Christ's Object Lessons*, 36