

Sermon Questions: Parable of the Sower

Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

1. Pastor Mark tells the story of his friend from High School, Darryl, who was not interested or receptive to the goodness and wisdom of God's Word. Why do you think some people are like Darryl?
2. Have a volunteer in the group re-tell the story of the Sower and the Seed in his/her own words.
3. What sort of things threaten to "choke out" the potential of God's work in a person's life?
4. In your mind, what is the difference between a Christian who is growing and maturing and a Christian who is stagnant or spiritually withering. How would you characterize your spiritual condition right now? Why?
5. Pastor Mark points out that everyone has a basic philosophy of life, whether they have thought deeply about it or not. What sort of ideas make up your basic philosophy of life? Where do those ideas come from?
6. How do our thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes inform and shape our philosophy?
7. Where do our thoughts, beliefs and attitudes come from?
8. In his book, "As a Man Thinketh," James Allen argues that our mind is like a garden. Whether our garden is full of weeds and thorns or full of beautiful and fruitful plants is determined by the thoughts we intentionally dwell upon and nurture. Do you agree or disagree? What sort of thoughts help a person to cultivate a beautiful and fruitful philosophy of life?
9. Pastor Mark argues that one of the most important roles of a Parent or Grandparent is to help the younger generation form a philosophy of life that is consistent with God's wisdom and truth. Why is that important?
10. How does the Church help people cultivate a philosophy that aligns with God's wisdom, goodness and truth?
11. How has your Christian Faith influenced your philosophy of life during the Coronavirus Pandemic?