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Jesus Teaches In Parables - Mark 4:1-34

The Sower & The Soils

The Farmer: _____

The Seed: _____

The Soil: _____

THE BIG IDEA:

The only one responsible for my _____ is me

To hear God speak I need to . . .

1. Cultivate an _____

“. . . some of the seed fell on a footpath, and the birds came and ate it.” Mark 4:4

"The seed that fell on the footpath represents those who hear the message, only to have Satan come at once and take it away."
Mark 4:15

2. Allocate _____ to _____

"Other seed fell on shallow soil with underlying rock. The seed sprouted quickly because the soil was shallow. But the plant soon wilted under the hot sun, and since it didn't have deep roots, it died."
Mark 4:5-6

"The seed on the rocky soil represents those who hear the message and immediately receive it with joy. But since they don't have deep roots, they don't last long. They fall away as soon as they have problems or are persecuted for believing God's word."
Mark 5:16-17

3. Eliminate _____

"Other seed fell among thorns that grew up and choked out the tender plants so they produced no grain."
Mark 4:7

"The seed that fell among the thorns represents others who hear God's word, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by the worries of this life, the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things, so no fruit is produced."
Mark 4:18-19

4. Cooperate with what _____

"Still other seeds fell on fertile soil, and they sprouted, grew, and produced a crop that was thirty, sixty, and even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"
Mark 4:8

"And the seed that fell on good soil represents those who hear and accept God's word and produce a harvest of thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times as much as had been planted!"
Mark 4:20

Memory Verse

"But don't just listen to God's word. You must do what it says. Otherwise, you are only fooling yourselves."
James 1:22

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MY NEXT STEP IS TO . . .

- Trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and savior for the first time
- Accept responsibility for my spiritual growth
- Memorize James 1:22
- Ask God to show me any areas in my life where I'm hearing, but not doing what His Word says





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The Seed: **HIS WORD**

The Soil: **YOUR HEART**

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1. Cultivate an **OPEN HEART**

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