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“The Kingdom of Heaven - The Parable of the Sower”
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Throughout Matthew 13, Jesus told eight parables known as “The Kingdom Parables”. These stories and illustrations give us a deeper understanding of what the Kingdom of Heaven is like.

How has your understanding or revelation of the Kingdom of Heaven grown in 2021? Are there any new aspects or dimensions of the Kingdom you see?

Read Matthew 13:3-9 & 19-23

Share stories of how you can personally relate to this parable?

In this parable, the Kingdom of Heaven is likened to a word or message. The seeds in this story are the Kingdom of Heaven (see v19).

How do you describe what the message of the Kingdom of Heaven actually is?

Any message requires messengers. In Acts 1:8 Jesus described His messengers as “witnesses” (Greek: martyrs) from which we also get the word “martyr”. There is a great cost to being a messenger of the Kingdom’s message.

In what ways has the message of the Kingdom cost you personally? What aspects of the cost do you struggle the most with?

The message of the Kingdom brings people to a point of response. Some dismiss us, some disappoint us, some despair us, and some will come alongside us.

How have you seen people in your networks and neighbourhoods respond to the message of the Kingdom and how do those responses make you feel?

How have you overcome the disappointment or despair of negative responses from others towards your faith?

The message of the Kingdom multiplies in receptive and resilient lives.

What have you experienced or observed in others who have a resilient faith?

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APPLICATIONS

Continue to carve out time and a place for prayer, and consider this parable when you pray the words “Your Kingdom come”.

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PRAYER POINTS

Pray like the early church: For the Holy Spirit to give you boldness and courage in declaring the message of the Kingdom.

Pray by name for those 2-3 people your networks and neighbourhoods who don’t yet know Jesus.