

# Living Connections Bible Study



## Planting the Gospel Seed

**Text:** Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23

### Prayer

**Icebreaker:** Talk for a few minutes about the joy of farming/gardening and growing things. What is the aspiration of every farmer and gardener at planting time?

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1. What message did John the Baptist, Jesus, His disciples, and the Church share with unbelievers / those who are under Satan's dominion?  
Matthew 3:1-2; Mark 1:14-15; Luke 8:1; Matthew 10:7; Luke 24:47; Acts 20:21

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2. What does it mean that *the Kingdom of Heaven* or *Kingdom of God* is at hand and is within you? Luke 17:20-21; John 18:36

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3. What is God's method of propagation in Christ's Kingdom?  
Matthew 13:3; Luke 8:1; Mark 16:15; Acts 1:8; 8:4; Luke 24:47-48; Romans 10:12-17;  
Ecclesiastes 11:4-6; Psalm 126:6; Mark 4:26-29

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4. What 4 types of soil does Jesus speak of in His parable? Matthew 13:4-8

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5. What two things kept the seed from taking root on the wayside or pathway? v. 4

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6. Why wasn't the seed on stony ground able to grow and produce a harvest? vs. 5-6

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7. What was in the soil that prevented the seed from producing a harvest in verse 7?

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8. Why would there be varying degrees of fruitfulness even in the good soil? v. 8

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9. What does Satan and his cronies do with the truth that falls on hardened and confused hearts? verse 19

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10. What kind of an individual is represented by the shallow rock obstructed soil?  
vs. 20-21

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11. Is the person represented by the thorny ground a genuine believer? v. 22

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12. How does Jesus define the thorns that choke the seed and keep it from producing a crop? vs. 22; Matthew 6:25-34; 1 Timothy 6:7-9

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**Think about it this week:**

How can I cooperate with God in getting out the stones, cutting down the thorns and weeds that will make my life unfruitful?

What measures can I take to insure that my fruitfulness for God reaches its full potential, not just a 30 fold increase but 60, 80 or 100 fold?

We can get so busy making a living that we forget to make a life! How much of my life is going to add up to gold, silver and precious stones at the Judgment Seat of Christ, and leave a lasting impact on eternity? Tragically for many, their lives will only add up to wood, hay and straw, a puff of smoke and a pile of ashes.