

The Great Storyteller - The Parable of the Sower

Sunday 18th April 2021

Bible:

The Parable of the Sower - Mark 4:1-20

2 He (Jesus) used parables to teach them many things, saying to them: 3 “Listen! Once there was a man who went out to sow grain. 4 As he scattered the seed in the field, some of it fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some of it fell on rocky ground, where there was little soil. The seeds soon sprouted, because the soil wasn't deep. 6 Then, when the sun came up, it burned the young plants; and because the roots had not grown deep enough, the plants soon dried up. 7 Some of the seed fell among thorn bushes, which grew up and choked the plants, and they didn't bear grain. 8 But some seeds fell in good soil, and the plants sprouted, grew, and bore grain: some had thirty grains, others sixty, and others one hundred.”

9 And Jesus concluded, “Listen, then, if you have ears!”....

13 Then Jesus asked them, “Don't you understand this parable? How, then, will you ever understand any parable? 14 The sower sows God's message. 15 Some people are like the seeds that fall along the path; as soon as they hear the message, Satan comes and takes it away. 16 Other people are like the seeds that fall on rocky ground. As soon as they hear the message, they receive it gladly. 17 But it does not sink deep into them, and they don't last long. So when trouble or persecution comes because of the message, they give up at once. 18 Other people are like the seeds sown among the thorn bushes. These are the ones who hear the message, 19 but the worries about this life, the love for riches, and all other kinds of desires crowd in and choke the message, and they don't bear fruit. 20 But other people are like seeds sown in good soil. They hear the message, accept it, and bear fruit: some thirty, some sixty, and some one hundred.”

Reflection:

1. Have you ever tried to plant some seeds? What did you have to do to make them grow?
2. Jesus talk about hearing God's message - what do you think God's message is?
3. Pray for someone you know that they would know God with them today.

Activity:

Option 1 - Go outside and find something that is growing well and maybe draw a picture of it. Just like the plants grow and you can see their beautiful flowers or their fruit, God is helping you to grow too.

Or

Option 2 - Plant some seeds and as you do think about how God is preparing amazing things in your life too.