



## Short Stories: The Sower

### Matthew 13:1-9; 18-23

Describe your experience with gardening and growing plants or vegetables.

#### **Delve Deep**

Read Matthew 13:1-9;18-23

- What does the seed represent in the parable?
- What type of heart does the pathway represent?
- What type of heart does the stony ground represent?
- What type of heart does the thorny soil represent?
- What type of heart does the good soil represent?

#### **Application**

- 1) Why do you think Jesus picked an agricultural metaphor to describe spiritual growth?
- 2) Jesus described the stony soil as the type of heart that gets excited about the word of God at first but quickly that excitement is squelched by life and they give up. How can emotionalism in regards to faith be a negative and a positive?
- 3) The thorny soil is the type of heart that has competing interests crowding out one's love for Jesus. What are some common things people deal with that compete for our affection and limit the influence of Jesus in our lives?
- 4) In the sermon, Chris talked a good bit about deconstruction in faith. When can deconstruction help grow our faith and when can it be detrimental?
- 5) Do say this out loud: Take a minute to pray to Jesus to come into your heart and uproot all the things that get in the way of our devotion to Him.