

HOMEWORK: THE SOWER AND THE SEED (MAT 13:1-23)

To prepare yourself to teach this parable, gather all the needed information.

THE CONTEXT (MAT 13:1-2):

- 1.) Whom is Jesus teaching? _____
- 2.) Where is He teaching them? _____
- 3.) What influence will this context have on Jesus' parable? _____

THE PARABLE (MAT 13:3-8):

- 1.) Read the parable, and divide it into sections. These sections should be according to breaking points in the story. Make marks by the verse to show the divisions.

3 And he told them many things in parables, saying: A sower went out to sow.
4 And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them.
5 Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil,
6 but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away.
7 Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them.
8 Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

(There is no wrong or right answer. Just have good reasons for how you divide this parable.)

- 2.) Paraphrase the events of this parable in your own words. **DO NOT** include an interpretation: _____

THE MORAL:

1.) Find the verse that tells the moral. _____

2.) What seems to be the emphasis in this verse? What words are repeated? _____

3.) What do you think the moral means? _____

APPLICATION (MAT 13:11-16):

1.) What two contrasting parties does Jesus apply this parable to? _____

2.) What condemnation is in this application? _____

3.) What praise is in this application? _____

4.) How can this parable apply to us today? _____

THE INTERPRETATION:

1.) Does Jesus explain this parable? If so, what verses? _____

2.) What does the sower represent? _____

3.) What does the seed represent? _____

4.) What does the roadside soil represent? _____

5.) What does the rocky soil represent? _____

6.) What does the thorny soil represent? _____

7.) What does the good soil represent? _____

8.) Check your interpretation with someone else, and see if they agree.