

July '23

# HOLIDAY CLUB SERVICE

Matthew 13:1-23

## Parable of the sower.

### Order of Service

This week during Holiday club we worked through the following parables of Jesus:

**MONDAY: The Sower** - God's Word must be number one in our life and if we try to make other things more important than following Jesus and obeying His word, it can cause our faith to stop growing and die.

**TUESDAY: The Talents** - It is not God's plan for us to compare ourselves to others, but instead, we need to try to do our best with what God has given us. God is not as concerned with how much or how little you have as much as He is concerned with how faithful and obedient you are with what you do have. What have we been given and how can we use these for God?

**WEDNESDAY: The Good Samaritan** - God wants us to show love to everyone, even people who are different than us or might disagree with us. This parable also shows us that we need to be okay with having our plans interrupted if it means we must choose between helping someone and getting to do something we had planned to do. That's how we show God and others that we love them... by helping even when it's not always easy for us. We learned that thinking of others ahead of themselves is really important to God.

**THURSDAY: The Lost Sheep** - Jesus uses the example of lost sheep to let us know that God loves us very, very much. We were encouraged knowing that we are very special to Jesus and that he will do anything to find us if we are lost. Kids were given an opportunity to accept Jesus as their shepherd and give their lives to him.

**FRIDAY: The Wise & Foolish Builders** - We were challenged to think about what foundation we are building our life on. That we are now part of the kingdom of God and the houses we are building is spiritual houses where the spirit of God lives.

**In general:** We learned that a parable is a short story meant to help us learn an important lesson. These lessons are all about God's love for us and his Kingdom. This kingdom is spiritual, and Jesus is the King! The Kingdom is all about 3-way love: Upward - Inward - Outward! (Mark 12:30-31)

**Today:** We will recap all these hidden truths and look at the story of the sower again.

- In a way Jesus is showing us how important it is to be good soil AND to keep on being good soil!
- The seed that the farmer was planting in the story represents the teachings of the Bible. Our heart represents the soil where the farmer planted the seeds.
- If our heart is hard and filled with anger and bitterness, the teaching falls on hard ground and never grows, just like the seed that fell on the hard ground in the parable that Jesus told.
- There are other times when we hear the Word and get excited about it, but then our excitement fades away because our understanding is too shallow. That's the way it was with the seed that fell on the rocky soil.
- Sometimes we hear the Word, and we believe what it says, but we want to keep on doing the same things we have been doing. That is like planting the seed in with a bunch of weeds. I'm sure you can guess what happens. The weeds will soon take over!

- The last seed, fell on the good soil. That was simply the best! If you learn from what you hear in the Bible and church, the seed that Jesus plants in your heart will grow. Your life will produce good fruit just like Jesus intended. You will be helping others to grow in their knowledge and understanding of God's love.
- 3-Way Love
- So, I want to encourage you with the words from

**JOSHUA 1:9**

**BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.**

**DO NOT BE AFRAID;**

**DO NOT BE DISCOURAGED,**

**FOR THE LORD YOUR GOD WILL BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO.**