# WELCOME TO BETHEL

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#### MARK 4: 3-10; 13-20 ESV

**3** "Listen! Behold, a sower went out to sow. **4** And as he sowed, some seed fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured it. **5** Other seed fell on the rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and immediately it sprang up, since it had no depth of soil. **6** And when the sun rose, it was scorched, and since it had no root, it withered away. **7** Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. **8** And other seeds fell into good soil and produced grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold." **9** And he said, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." **10** And when he was alone, those around him with the twelve asked him about the parables.

**13** And he said to them, "Do you not understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables? **14** The sower sows the word. **15** And these are the ones along the path, where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. **16** And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: the ones who, when they hear the word, immediately receive it with joy. **17** And they have no root in themselves, but endure for a while; then, when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away. **18** And others are the ones sown among thorns. They are those who hear the word, **19** but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. **20** But those that were sown on the good soil are the ones who hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirtyfold and sixtyfold and a hundredfold."

# THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER

### MARK 4:3-10; 13-20

### Please turn to Mark 4 for today's message

Theme: The message of the kingdom creates various reactions among its hearers, but

\_\_\_\_\_ is the only evidence that the message has taken root.

Focus: Check \_\_\_\_\_\_ life for enduring spiritual fruit, so you can know that the Word has truly taken root.

I. Some hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The seed of the Word is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. \_\_\_\_\_ removes the Word before it has any effect.

II. Some hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The seed of the Word is \_\_\_\_\_.

B. They have no \_\_\_\_\_.

# III. Some hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. The seed of the Word is \_\_\_\_\_.
- B. They are \_\_\_\_\_.

IV. Some hearts are \_\_\_\_\_.

A. The seed of the Word is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

B. They are \_\_\_\_\_\_ fruitful!