

## **Sermon Outline: “Responses To The Gospel – A Yarn About A Sower!”**

Matthew 13:1-23

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Good news responses

Parable context

Three Questions:

What Is a parable?

Why speak in parables?

What is the meaning of the parable?

The soils:

Hard

Shallow

Weedy

Productive

The Difference

The Preparation

**To ponder over a cuppa with a friend:**

What is a parable?

What are responses to the gospel?

How can we prepare hearts to receive the gospel?

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1. What is a parable?
2. Who does the “sower” represent? What does the “seed” represent? What does the “soil” represent?
3. How was a crop sown in Jesus’ day? Compare that sowing technique with today?
4. This is an agricultural story. Would people understand it living in an electronic age?
5. What different hearts do we have?
6. All the hearts hear the gospel? Why do the hearts respond differently?
7. How would a hard heart develop? How do they respond to the good news?
8. What would cause a shallow heart?
9. What weeds prevent an understanding of the gospel and choke any Christian growth?
10. How can we be fruitful as a Christian?
11. How can we prepare hearts to be receptive to receive the gospel?
12. Does God prevent people from hearing the gospel? Explain.