

THE GOSPEL DEPT
July 19



“Gotta Have Faith”

Luke 8:4-15

SERMON NOTES

Record your insights and observations from this week's sermon:



KNOWING GOD

- a) Robert Murray McCheyne said: “Do not take up your time so much with studying your own heart as with studying Christ’s heart.” What does he mean by this, and how do we see this played out in the parable?

- b) Jesus spoke in parables to help believers enhance their understanding and foster a deeper relationship with Him. However, to the unbelievers, parables increased their confusion and ignorance (see v. 9-10; Mt. 13:10-17). How is this relevant to this passage of the parable of the sower?

- c) The seed that fell on rocky places represents people who are influenced by every kind of doctrine that comes their way. Read 2 Peter 2:1-2. How do many people respond to false doctrine? What are some false doctrines we have today?

d) Notice how the seed that fell on the ground responds (v. 8, 15). Why is it important to hear the Word & understand it?



GROWING TOGETHER

a) The seed that fell along the path was trampled on and eaten by the birds (v. 5, 12). Describe a time when something came ‘in one ear and out the other.’ How can we improve our listening to God and to others?

b) The seed that fell along the rocky places at first was filled with joy, but when trials came, it fell away (v. 6, 13). Do you remember a time in your life where you were excited about something, but it quickly faded away? When it comes to our faith, why is it important to have Christ as our foundation?

c) The seed that fell among the thorns heard the Word, but the worries of the world, riches, and pleasures choked the plants (v. 7, 14). What do you worry about? How does it affect your spiritual life?



SERVING OTHERS

a) Think of people in your life who represent one of the first three categories in the parable. Spend some time praying that God will open up their hearts.

b) Even though this parable shows us there are many hearts that will be hardened, why is it important to still share our faith to those around us?

c) The seed that fell on good soil represents people who have a noble & good heart. What do we need to produce a crop? What kinds of crops can you produce for God and for others?
