



Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller

Sunday, January 14, 2018

Lesson: The Sower

Matthew 13:1-9

While not a “series” in the technical sense since we’ll discuss this off and on throughout the year, today we start “Once Upon a Time: Lessons from the Master Storyteller” which is a study of the parables of Jesus. Our study begins with the parable known as “The Sower.”

ICEBREAKER:

What are some things you have planted around your home that have done well? What are some things you just can’t seem to get to grow at all? What are some of your favorite plants to have around the house?

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION:

1. Read over Matthew 13:1-9.
2. To whom did Jesus direct his story?
3. Talk about the different places the seed fell - the path, rocks,

thorns, good ground - discuss reasons why the each place is a bad place for seeds or a good place for seeds (both physically and spiritually)

4. Some say that the seed was the same in every place, but the condition of the soil was different. What does the seed represent? What does the soil represent?
5. How does Satan “take away the word” before it has a chance to take root?
6. What obstacles have prevented acquaintances of yours from receiving the Word?
7. Why is perseverance necessary for all who receive the Word?
8. Describe how God’s word in a person’s life might be choked by life’s worries or pleasures?
9. How will you sow the seed this week? What are some simple ways to sow the seed of the Kingdom?