

## “Dig Dug”

Matthew 13:1-23

### Scenes of the Story...

- A sower sows along the path.
  - We know some have hard hearts...
    - Complete lack of positive response.
- A sower sows on rocky ground.
  - We know some have shallow hearts...
    - temporary excitement masquerading as true commitment.
- A sower sows among thorns.
  - We know some have distracted hearts...
    - Genuine interest but fall short due to the rigorous demands of discipleship.
- A sower sows on good soil.

- We know some have fertile hearts...
  - Persevering obedience to God’s word that demonstrates true salvation.

### Point of the Parable:

God’s Kingdom will grow by proclaiming His word, despite the rejection of some.

### Areas of Application...

- We must resist discouragement when our prayerful proclamation of God’s word appears ineffective.
- We must proclaim God’s word everywhere.
  - We do not inspect the soil.
  - We do inspect for fruit.
- We must be eager hearers of God’s word.
  - A good listener understands Jesus’ message.
  - A good listener accepts Jesus’ message.
  - A good listener acts upon Jesus’ message.