

Heart of the Matter

The Sower and the Soils - Mark 4:1-20 (p. 839)

Jesus begins His parables with a call to listen. In the Parable of the Sower, He shows that God's Word is powerful and life-giving, but its impact depends on the condition of our heart. Today, we're invited to examine whether our hearts are truly receptive to Jesus and the transforming power of God's Word.

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