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THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER.

Text: Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23.

nothing to do with attending church for a worship service. Or to get themselves right with Christ. These people are in fact, the seed that have been thrown into the field by the Sower. The parable is imitating life itself. Jesus wants to instil this lesson into the people of his day, and we don't know what happened within this crowd, but I'd like to believe that "those who have ears" heard what he said. That they heard the seriousness of what Jesus was imparting to them; and that they obeyed his word and done something about it for their lives and livelihoods.

who do hear the words of Jesus in our day and age are moved by the power of the Holy Spirit to act upon it as well. So that his word takes hold and sprout roots to grow deep into the good soil of their hearts and minds and that they come to produce a crop for the heavenly kingdom, which can be a hundred, sixty or thirty.

God is still at work; his work is in constant progress and motion. Whoever he chooses and raises up will be empowered to do a great work for his kingdom. You too may be that person who can go out and do a great work for the Lord's kingdom.

Jesus came to do his Father's will, which cost him his life, but he willingly done it. I pray that many people

within our inner heart and being. We have to believe with all our hearts, minds and souls that Jesus is the Sower and that we are the grain that have blossomed for his kingdom.



Christ Church Lutheran

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Reaching Out with the Love of Jesus that All my Know, Worship & Grow in Christ

THEME: Jesus comes especially when I think to sow in people's in terms of MISSION hearts, the reality of and RELATIONSHIPS God's kingdom. which primarily have been our theme, topic

What is real in people's and focus so far this lives these days? What year. I'm glad with that beliefs are they holding because this focus has on to? Apart from helped me in bringing existing and getting the Bible to life in this through the day-to-day modern day context. I'm grind; are they planning also of the opinion that for a future in the this is what prompted spiritual sense? What Jesus to come to the has true meaning for earth in the first place to many people who live in do his Father's will? the world in this current People have wandered away from their first true love and devotion of God.

I am wrestling with of God. these questions because I have meditated upon I say this because; when this lesson and this is I look at the opening where that meditating sentences in today's has lead me to. The gospel reading, it tells obvious conclusion I me that Jesus went out come to, is that, not of the house and sat by many people have a the lake. I'd like to think religious focus that he sat by the lake to brings them into church have a bit of down time each week to worship to himself; and to the Lord. possibly meditate, pray to his Father in heaven

I'm of this mindset or to get some fresh air

and take in the panoramic scenery of the lake and its surrounds. I'd like to think that; that would be quite a reasonable assumption to make.

But as we are acutely aware, wherever Jesus went out into the public places at any time, crowds automatically gathered around him, to hear what he had to say, or listened to what he preached or were simply drawn to him because of his healing powers which he had demonstrated by curing people of their ills wherever he went.

On this particular occasion, I suspect these people would have been made aware of the fact that he was out in the country staying at this particular place. And in any case, they did

seek him out; which affecting South aware that he was a began with a trickle and Australians in general. great preacher and then their numbers The news clip on the Teacher, and that he had started to swell to be a television during the been doing miracles and crowd numbering in the week, showed that many healing people of thousands [later we read people had turned up to diverse diseases and of the Feeding of the the Town Hall in ailments. four and five Adelaide to hear him Thousand]. speak.

As we read in this Most of these people, I Jesus also had his fair lesson, those who suspect, are farmers or share of detractors and gathered there to hear rural people who rely on antagonisers, who liked him, had become so the land or the River to challenge him numerous that he whenever convenience and jumped into a boat opportunity presented itself. and pushed off shore Most times Jesus tells them how it once speak to them all at really is, and they hemmed in from all sides, and a lot of Murray for their welfare usually walked away people won't hear what and future. Or they may from him smartening he is saying. It's only have been people who from the lesson he fair to hear what care and worry about would hand out to them. someone has to say! climate conditions and

## HOW DO WE GET PEOPLE TO LISTEN?

When someone popular how much damage is But in our lesson today; or interesting is being done to the land the point I want to make speaking, crowds come and the atmosphere; and so that you take this for personal reasons to how if possible; home with you is hear them speak. humanity can reverse its exactly this! *Jesus is at pains to make his word strike like a two-edged sword into the ears, week gone by; Professor was so widespread that hearts and minds of Garnaut [pronounced just about every body those gathered before the countryside giving he could do for them, if then explained the lectures on the weather they could get close 'Parable of the Sower', climate conditions and enough into his to these people. Jesus how it is and will be presence. They were doesn't get his kicks by*

just telling stories to experience some solid Jesus the guy who died people for the sake of it. foundations in being on the cross?" Is this The purpose of doing free to love and respect because the movie, "The his Father's will was each other just like Passion" is so vivid in that people would listen Jesus [and God the depicting the suffering and learn about the Father] had for them, so Jesus actually went kingdom of heaven that they may treat each through, that it leaves directly from his other and their this indelible impression teaching. neighbours in the same upon their minds?

They didn't have to be People seem to forget in fear and awe of the Jesus came to liberate about the part where he Pharisees and the and set them free; but rose again from the teachers of the law all first they needed to hide dead. That Jesus is in the time. They fact alive and well; preached and taught seated at the right the gospel with a lot hand side of the of rules and Father. He is regulations attached interceding for all to it. It was like a who call upon his millstone tied name for help. He is around people's necks his words away in their also hearing the praise so that they obeyed them heart, then believe it and and worship that goes regardless of what they then act upon it. up to him as well! were teaching.

## HEAR AND BELIEVE!

Let's now put this same What happens when you Jesus came to set them equation into today's start telling people about free of this situation, but context! How many the life *you have* in they needed to hear his people in this world do Christ? I find that when message first. That is you know; who have I speak about my Lord why Jesus goes to pains heard about Jesus and and Saviour to people; to *tell and explain* the yet have ignored what they have all the Parable of the Sower to he is all about? Have answers for me and they you ever asked them end up telling me how about *who* Jesus is, just to live my life in Christ Jesus wants to give to see what their and how to keep on the them something solid to reaction would be? straight and narrow build their relationships path. How quick they upon. He wanted them The standard retort from are to turn things to experience freedom those who bother to around. Yet it's funny from the law and answer you is, "Isn't that they will have