

Sow Gospel Seeds

Lesson One • Luke 8:4-18

Sow with Gospel Abandon

Bridging the Gap to All Peoples in the Book of Acts

Unstoppable (1–7); Let Them Hear (8–12); Everyone to Everywhere (13–14); Beyond Borders (15–18) all online at WeAreLifeBridge.com under Resources > Messages.

Sow Gospel Seeds – Acts 18:23–20:38

This series builds on the Gospel of Luke, the Book of Acts 1–18 and centers on Paul's Third Missionary Journey in and around Ephesus.

The Parable of the Sower, the Seed, and the Soils

Importance of This Parable Luke 8:4-8

“And He said to them, ‘Don’t you understand this parable? How then will you understand all the parables?’” Mark 4:13 CSB

Interpretation of This Parable Luke 8:9-18

Seed = The **WORD OF GOD**.

Soils = The **HEARTS OF HEARERS**.

Roadside Soil = **HARD** hearts that reject.

Rocky Soil = **SHALLOW** hearts with no root.

Thorny Soil = **CROWDED** hearts with worldliness.

Good Soil = **PERSEVERING** hearts with a rooted, fruitful saving faith.

Sower = **JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES – US**.

Luke 8:4, 16; Acts 1:8; 8:1-2

Seed Sowers Sow with Gospel Abandon!

1. We Are Seed Sowers Not **SOIL INSPECTORS**.

What’s Wrong with Soil Inspectors?

*They spend all their time studying the condition of the soil and never get around to **ACTUALLY** sowing gospel seeds with abandon!*

Four Problems with Soil Inspection

❖ We are **UNABLE** to inspect hearts.

Only God Has X-Ray Vision!

1Kings 8:39; 1Chronicles 28:9; 1Samuel 16:7; Psalm 44:21; Proverbs 21:2; Jeremiah 17:10

❖ What we can inspect on the outside is often **WRONG**.

❖ Jesus sees every heart and **STILL** sows with abandon.
Matthew 9:4; Mark 2:8; Luke 5:22; 9:47; 16:15; Acts 1:24; 15:8; Revelation 2:23

What About John 2:24-25?

❖ Only **GOD** gives the increase that changes hearts.
1Corinthians 3:5-8

2. We Are Seed Sowers Who Sow with **GOSPEL ABANDON**.

Next Steps for Sowing with Abandon – Luke 8:5

❖ **PREPARE** to sow.

*“The sower went out to sow **his seed**, and as he sowed...”*

1) **SPEND TIME** getting to know Jesus and His heart for people.

2) **MEMORIZE** a gospel presentation and get an App.

See WeAreLifeBridge.com under **Good News > Online Resources**.

3) **BRIDGE THE GAP** to people far from God by loving them with active listening, caring conversations, and sincere friendships.

❖ **PLAN** to sow in a variety of ways.

*“The sower **went out to sow his seed**, and as he sowed...”*

LifeBridge Invite Cards *plus* Variety of Tracts

❖ **PURSUE** a lifestyle of sowing with abandon.

*“The sower went out to sow his seed, **and as he sowed...**”*

Sowing Gospel Seeds Self-evaluation Form

Sign-up for Prayer at Info Table

❖ **PRAY** for God to cultivate the soil of all kinds of hearts.

*“...**some fell...Other seed fell...Other seed fell...Other seed fell...**”*

Pray for... Hardened hearts to **be softened!**

Shallow hearts to **be deepened!**

Crowded hearts to **be weeded!**

Good hearts to **be multiplied!**

So Now What? GO SOW with GOSPEL ABANDON!