

PARABLES



Parable – a comparison used to communicate spiritual truth in a concrete way, often with a twist/surprise that would capture attention

PARABLES



COMPARISON BETWEEN

- Farmer planting his field and Jesus spreading His message
- Farmer planting his field and Jesus' followers spreading Jesus' message
- How the conditions of the soil in a field affect the fruitfulness of the seed and how the conditions of the heart of those who hear the message of Jesus affect the fruitfulness of the truth

SOILS



CULTIVATE GOOD SOIL

- **If heart is hard:**
 - Ask God to soften your heart
 - Repent
- **If heart is rocky:**
 - **Develop deeper roots** – pray Eph 3.16-20 (that you would know God's love for you) and 6.24 (that you would love Jesus w/an undying love)
- **If heart is thorny:**
 - **Pull out the weeds** – identify what is competing w/Jesus and submit those things to Him