

SOWER AND SEED

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The PARABLE of the Sower and Seed
Matthew 13:3-9

MELODY A-SOLO (ROUND 1-MISSED THE GROUND)

A FARMER SCATTERED SEED AROUND,
SOME COMPLETELY MISSED THE GROUND.
BIG SURPRISE, I BET YOU KNOW,
IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.
IT MISSED THE GROUND
WHEN THE FARMER SCATTERED SEED AROUND.
BET YOU KNOW,
IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.

MELODY B-ENSEMBLE

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH US?
ALL THE PEOPLE MADE A FUSS.
HEY-DEE HO-DEE HI-DEE HEY!

SOLO

WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

MELODY C-JESUS

THE SEED IS GOD'S TRUTH.
YOUR HEART IS THE GROUND.

SOLO

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE HIM WHEN HIS LOVE IS SPREAD AROUND?
DOES IT MISS THE GROUND?
WHEN IT COMES TO YOU, DOES IT SKIP RIGHT THROUGH?
BET YOU KNOW,
IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.

MELODY A-SOLO (ROUND 2-ROCKY GROUND)

A FARMER SCATTERED SEED AROUND.

SOME FELL ON THE ROCKY GROUND.
BIG SURPRISE, I BET YOU KNOW
IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.
ON ROCKY GROUND
WHEN THE FARMER SCATTERED SEED AROUND.
BET YOU KNOW
IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.

MELODY B-ENSEMBLE

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH US?
ALL THE PEOPLE MADE A FUSS.
HEY-DEE HO-DEE HI-DEE HEY!
WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

(OPTION: ENSEMBLE AND AUDIENCE JOINS IN ON THE CALL AND RESPONSE.)

MELODY C-JESUS

THE SEED IS...

SOLO

GOD'S TRUTH?

JESUS

YOUR HEART IS...

SOLO

THE GROUND?
HOW DO YOU RECEIVE HIM WHEN HIS LOVE IS SPREAD AROUND?
ARE YOU ROCKY GROUND?
DO YOU CHANGE REAL FAST BUT IT DOESN'T LAST?
BET YOU KNOW,
IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.

MELODY A-SOLO (ROUND 3-THORNY GROUND)

A FARMER SCATTERED SEED AROUND,
BUT SOME FELL ON THE THORNY GROUND.
BIG SURPRISE, I BET YOU KNOW,

IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.
ON THORNY GROUND
WHEN THE FARMER SCATTERED SEED AROUND.
BET YOU KNOW
IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.

MELODY B-ENSEMBLE

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH US?
ALL THE PEOPLE MADE A FUSS.
HEY-DEE HO-DEE HI-DEE HEY!
WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

(OPTION: ENSEMBLE AND AUDIENCE JOINS IN ON THE CALL AND RESPONSE.)

MELODY C-JESUS

THE SEED IS...

ENSEMBLE

GOD'S TRUTH.

JESUS

YOUR HEART IS...

ENSEMBLE

THE GROUND.

SOLO

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE HIM WHEN HIS LOVE IS SPREAD AROUND?
ARE YOU THORNY GROUND?
IS IT CHOKED AWAY BY YOUR STRESS EACH DAY?
BET YOU KNOW,
IT'LL NEVER REALLY GROW.

MELODY A-SOLO (ROUND 4-HEALTHY GROUND)

A FARMER SCATTERED SEED AROUND.
SOME FELL ON THE HEALTHY GROUND.
BIG SURPRISE, I BET YOU KNOW,

IT'LL GROW AND GROW AND GROW.
ON HEALTHY GROUND,
WHEN THE FARMER SCATTERED SEED AROUND.
BET YOU KNOW,
IT'LL GROW AND GROW AND GROW.

MELODY B-ENSEMBLE/AUDIENCE

WHAT'S THAT GOT TO DO WITH US?
ALL THE PEOPLE MADE A FUSS.
HEY-DEE HO-DEE HI-DEE HEY!
WHAT DID JESUS SAY?

MELODY C-JESUS

THE SEED IS...

ENSEMBLE & AUDIENCE

GOD'S TRUTH!

JESUS

YOUR HEART IS...

ENSEMBLE & AUDIENCE

THE GROUND!

SOLO

HOW DO YOU RECEIVE HIM WHEN HIS LOVE IS SPREAD AROUND?
ARE YOU HEALTHY GROUND?
DOES IT REACH DOWN DEEP LIKE A DREAM YOU KEEP?
BET YOU KNOW,
IT'LL GROW AND GROW

(ENSEMBLE JOINS)

AND GROW AND GROW
AND GROW AND GROW
AND GROW AND GROW
AND GROW AND GROW
AND GROW AND GROW
AND GROW.

ARE YOU HEALTHY GROUND?
DOES IT REACH DOWN DEEP LIKE A DREAM YOU KEEP?
BET YOU KNOW IT'LL GROW AND GROW AND GROW!

BONUS REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever sat through a sermon or devotion and afterward, had no idea what was said?
- Do you hear plenty of talk about the Lord, but it rarely seems to “sink in?”
- Have you ever heard or read or experienced something you’ve experienced a thousand times before, but all of a sudden, it took on new meaning, or looked different to you?
- Have you ever had an “emotional high” in your faith - maybe at a retreat or camp? Maybe you decided to make big changes in your life? What happened to the “feeling” when you returned to normal life?
- Have you ever been asked to give your time to get involved with something you really believed in, but then your schedule got in the way?
- How we respond to things has a great deal to do with the state of our hearts. Jesus compared our hearts to the ground...some open and tender like garden soil, some frozen or full of rocks and weeds. What kind of surface is your heart right now?
- Jesus said we grow by having tender, open hearts to receive all the Lord has for us. Think of things that make your heart open and tender. Maybe offering to help in your home? Helping someone in need? Listening to a friend work through a problem?
- Do one of those things this week and beyond. Maybe make this part of your regular practice!
- The Lord can change our hearts. Pray for a tender and open heart to all the Lord has for you.