

PENINSULA CHRISTIAN F E L L O W S H I P

Matthew 12:46-13:23, Pt.3

What's Our Part?

What was **Jesus doing**?

What were **they doing**?

What should **we be doing**?

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Jesus was **sowing seed**

Luke 8:11, "The seed is the word of God."

He gave it freely to **all four types of soil**

- He didn't require admission tickets to get in
- He didn't reserve who He spread the seed to

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As "the **Son of Man**", He modeled what we should do

John 13:15, "I have given you an example, that **you should do as I have done to you.**"

- He made Himself **one of them, among them**
- By **how He lived, and what He said**
- He made the seed **available to all** within His sphere
- He required no **immediate, outward response**
- **13:9**, "Whoever has ears, **let them hear.**"

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They were **listening to Jesus**

- They were **all four types of soil**
- **Listening and hearing** are not the same
- Soil **One** is peripheral (no depth)
- Soil **Two** receives, but doesn't put forth effort to cultivate depth

- Soil **Three** receives and grows, but doesn't subjugate worldly cares to Jesus
- Soil **Four** receives, makes Christ foremost, and pursues greater depth

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We should **become Soil Four, and follow His example**

- **Hear** the Word of God, and **spend the effort** to gain depth of understanding
- **Inquire of Him personally** (The Word, prayer & fellowship)
- Don't expect to be **spoon fed**. (Pre-chewed pabulum is for infants)
- Make the seed **freely available** to anyone
- Many want to harvest, but do **little to no planting or watering**

This does not mean intruding on everyone, everywhere

(He didn't) **John 5:19 & 20:21**

I Corinthians 11:1,

"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ."

Follow good examples, and **become** one (vs becoming unfruitful)

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It does mean being **ready, aware, prepared & available** at any time

- Not a prepared message, but a **prepared messenger**
- **Ask questions** to see what doors may open ("Questioning Evangelism")

- **My T-shirt** last week
- **Talking about gardening** with neighbors

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Lunch with an old friend

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13:3, "Behold, a sower went out to sow."

- **Are you?**
- Do you have **seed in your bag?**
- Don't expect someone else to fill it for you

Acts 1:8, "But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses to Me** in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Romans 10:9-15 (Vs.14-15 & John 20:21)

Believe Him, and live like it