

'DISCIPLES' ONE

How does your garden grow?

Sunday 5th January 2020

Key Scriptures: 1 Corinthians 3:1-11 & Matthew 13:1-23

Summary: It is God's responsibility to grow us and our responsibility to create the best possible environment for growth to occur. Jesus' parable of the sower in Matthew 13 gives us some great insights into how we can begin to create these environments and allow the seed of His word to fall into good soil. On Sunday we talked about the ideas of pursuing understanding, going deeper and de-cluttering the soil of our lives to allow space for the seeds to grow. These are great tools for us as we enter this new year, do go back into Matthew 13 and dig into it further.

Questions:

1. How do you respond to the ideas that:
 1. God is responsible for your spiritual growth
 2. You are responsible for creating the environment for growth
2. How are you caring for your relationship with God at the moment?
3. **Turn your attention to Matthew 13.**

On Sunday, we talked about Jesus' explanation of His parable in verses 18-23. We opened up the possibility that a lack of understanding, a lack of depth and crowded soil can all contribute to the seed of Gods word struggling to grow in our lives.

Can you relate to any of these three things and how do you think God might be asking you to start creating a better environment for growth this year?