



Christ Formation  
Christ Demonstration

*Ephesians 6:10-14, "Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. 11 Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. 12 For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. 13 Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. 14 Stand firm then...."*

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1. Jesus asked this question, "Don't you understand this parable? How then will you understand any parable?" (Mark 4:13) Why is this parable so important to understanding many of Jesus' parables?
2. A goal for this series is to understand the development of character (Christ formation) and demonstrate His goodness with supernatural power (Christ demonstration). Therefore, how does the word of God accomplish both according to this parable?
3. Recall a time when the word of God or something God spoke to you changed your heart and brought forth a transformation/miracle in your life. Now, take that testimony (a seed) and plant it in your heart through prayer and declare it over a current situation where you need breakthrough.
4. What are some constraints you currently have that keep you from obeying Jesus, i.e. being a "doer" of the word? How does Christ want you to overcome those constraints?
5. When was the last time you responded to the word of God the way the people responded to hearing for the first time?
6. Of the "needs" listed with each type of soil, which one will you pursue first?

## Next Steps:

1. According to Mark 1:15 the Kingdom of God has come near and our response is to repent and believe. Use the "Learning Circle" and go over a time when the Kingdom came near and you are stewarding that moment for an upgrade.
2. What are you discovering as you meditate on Matthew 13, Mark 4 & Luke 8 – the chapters that contain the Parable of the Sower?
3. What testimony will you share with a friend this week as you see the word of God produce increase in your life?
4. What SMART goal are you going to set so that over the next several days you are partnering with God in your growth and demonstration of Christ?

### \*SMART Goals:

- a. *Specific - Can you state specifically what you are doing?*
- b. *Measurable - How can we measure this goal so we will know when you have reached it?*
- c. *Attainable - Is it within your capabilities and does it depend on you?*
- d. *Relevant - Do you care enough about this goal to make it a priority?*
- e. *Time Specific - It has a deadline.*

