**Matthew 13:18-23**

**Introduction**

 *Listening to the teaching of Jesus*

**1. The sowing of the word**

**2. The rejection of the word**

Soil 1:

Soil 2

Soil 3

**3. The harvest of the word**

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, I know I do not deserve to enter your kingdom, but need your forgiveness for the times I have hardened my heart to your word. Thank you that Jesus has died in my place so that my sins can be forgiven. Please help me to make it my life’s work to listen to your word and speak it to others, and to be part of your joyful, fruitful harvest in the end. Amen