

May 6th, 2015

Give God a Year

Ice breakers

- 1) If you could spend 6 months anywhere in the world, where would you go? (Leaders... there's probably a Capernwray or YWAM there!)

Read Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23

- 2) Many of us start on the path or on the rocky places, when we first hear about Jesus. Others have heard, turned away and are trying to find our way back. And some are confident in their faith and growing in their knowledge of God and his love. Think about where you are on your path? Where would you like to be? How do you get there?

Read 2Peter 1:3, 3:9

- 3) What is "good soil"? How do you "cultivate" it?
- 4) Have you considered giving God a year to build a solid foundation and make your faith your own? Why or why not?

Matthew 13:3-9

The he told them many things in parables, saying: " A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where is did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly,

because the soil is shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among the thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop – a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear."

Matthew 13:18-23

"Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown on the path. The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution come because of the word, they quickly fall away. The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke out the word, making it unfruitful. But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

2 Peter 1:3

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness.

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.