

The Kingdom is like **“A Farmer who went to sow his seed.”**

Let's begin (Mt 13:1-2)

Pt 1: Setting the Scene

Warmer 1:

What would you do if someone defamed your character? If that person was supposed to be your friend? Was supposed to love you, represent you, but who, NOT once, but repeatedly as their own ambition blinded them, made you look harsh, dogmatic, unloving, etc.! What would you do? (This was the situation that Jesus found Himself in with the Pharisees, the Sadducees and The experts of the law, The Religious Teachers, The synagogue rulers, etc.!)

Where was Jesus when he told this parable?

What had happened that day?

Who was with him? (Lk 8:1-3)

Pt 2: The Parable (Mt 13:4-9)

Warmer 2:

When you think back to the last time you heard the story of Jesus telling 'The parable of the Farmer who went to sow his seeds' - what is it that comes to mind? What is it that stands out to you from this parable? What was it that God spoke to you about changing?

Who is in the parable? What is he doing? Where is he doing it? What happens? How did Jesus conclude the parable?

Pt 3: Why Parables? The Sandwich! The Whole Point! (Mt 13:10-17)

What is your favourite sandwich filling? Who orders a sandwich with NO filling? The Filling is the MOST important! So it is with this parable!

Why did Jesus tell parables? (11-17)

Who are we more like? Who do we want to be like?

What was the 'secret of the kingdom of heaven' in this parable? (18-23)

How will I change or what will I continue to do in light of this truth?