



DAY 1 - Tuesday

MORNING

SESSION 1: "Along the Beaten Path: Ignorance and Disobedience" (MATTHEW 13:19)

The types of "soil" in the "Parable of the Sower" reflect the conditions of our hearts. We would all like to think that we are the "good soil" mentioned at the end of the parable, but does the fruit we as individuals or as the church produce bear this out? In this session, we will take an inward look regarding how our own lack of understanding of the Gospel and subsequent disobedience makes it impossible to produce a bountiful crop.

SESSION 2: "The Manifold Wisdom of God" (EPHESIANS 3:1-13)

We can follow God logically as well as faithfully. During this session, we will go back to the basics and cover the covenants leading to and revealing the Gospel. Each one of these covenants build on one another eventually blessing all nations through Jesus. The church plays a vital role in this salvation process, and it is a blessing to us to get to be a part of it.

EVENING

SERMON: "All Authority Has Been Given to Me" (MATTHEW 28:18)

The world seems to be decaying at a rapid pace. If we search for signs of hope in the media, it is easy to become disillusioned because it seems like evil is running rampant. Fortunately, we have another place to look for hope: the Word of God. The Bible tells us a different story about Who is really in charge. Hopefully this reminder will peel us away from our devices where we get our "news" and encourage us to take the "good news" to the ends of the earth as it did with the Apostles.

DAY 2 - Wednesday

MORNING

SESSION 1: Rocks and Thorns: Fatigue and Distractions (MATTHEW 13:20-22)

Being a Christian requires tenacity. We have a real Enemy that will use everything at his disposal to steal our joy. There is no one in the Bible who was living in the will of God that did not face hardship or must choose between the Kingdom and the world. We are no different. We must do the necessary work of removing "rocks" so our roots grow deep and weed the "thorns" so our branches may grow upward to bear fruit.

SESSION 2: "The Fullness of God" (EPHESIANS 3:14-19)

For us to be able to comprehend the love of Christ, we must be "rooted and established" with all the saints (the church). This is difficult to attain when knowledge may be the crux of what we seek when it comes to the church. We live in a time where it is believed that the more spiritually mature we are, the less we need others. However, the opposite is true. The more spiritually mature we become, the more we should realize we desperately need others. We need our roots interlocked with other people of faith so we can hold each other up. Christ's love surpasses knowledge. When we pursue this, the fullness of God awaits.

**EVENING
SERMON**

"Therefore Go..." (MATTHEW 28:19)

Science says that roots elongate at a rapid pace if the way is clear and is only slowed by obstructions like the rocks in the "Parable of the Sower" illustrate. Thanks to Jesus, we have a clear direction that is to be followed: Go make disciples, baptize, and teach them to obey. For many years, the church has considered it a win to make a convert. We must go beyond this if we wish to get our roots beyond the rocks and the branches beyond the thorns. From now on, winning cannot be limited to making converts. We must make converts who are equipped to make converts.

DAY 3 - Thursday

MORNING

SESSION 1: "The Good Soil" (MATTHEW 13:23)

Jesus says we will be known by the fruit we produce. If we as individuals or as churches are not producing fruit at a rate that multiplies exponentially, we need to examine how we have received the Gospel and adjust if we are in error. The Gospel we preach determines the disciples we make. Jesus' Gospel blesses all nations and multiplies.

SESSION 2: "Throughout All Generations" (EPHESIANS 3:20-21)

Though the term "post-Christian" is frequently used to describe many areas of society, it does not exist. The resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is still at work in this world and within us. There is not one area of creation where hope is lost. We are told that God will be glorified in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout ALL generations, including this one. The Father can do more than we can ask or imagine.

EVENING

SERMON:

"I Will Be with You Always..." (MATTHEW 28:20)

It is not for us to know the times and or seasons that the Father has fixed by His own authority (Acts 1:7), but we can know that Christ is with us, and nothing separates us from His love (Romans 8:31-39). We must not continue to stare at the sky awaiting His return when he has told us to GO! To live is Christ, to die is gain. Until he calls us home or returns, we are to be His hands and feet. We are on the side that wins.

