Luke 8:1-15 – The sower, the seed and the soil

(picture of Tambar springs view)

(Map of area of Jesus ministry)

A miraculous yield

Why speak in parables?

Luke 8:10 - *"so that, though seeing they may not see, though hearing, they may not understand"*

The seed is the word of God

Luke 8:11 - The seed is the word of God.

Luke 8:13. the rocky ground

Luke 8:14 - among the thorns

Luke 8:15- good soil.

As a Sower

Qu: When did you last sow some seed?

As the soil

How do you receive the word of God?

What precautions are you taking to make sure your heart is receptive?

Is your response to the word of God being choked off?

Are you filled with the worries of life?

Is your life filled with pursuits of pleasure or money?

Changing your soil type

Positively - for the better

Fertilizing others - 1 Peter 2:10-12 says "live such good lives among the pagans that though they accuse you of doing wrong, they might see your good works and glorify god on the day he visits us"

Fertilizing yourself - Romans 12:2 – Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Negatively – for the worse

Qu: What are you doing to ensure the word of GOD finds your heart receptive?