



SOUTHBRIDGE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

The Soil of the Heart
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Genesis 2:8

Now the Lord God had planted a garden in the east...

Genesis 1:29-30

Then God said, "I give you every seed bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food. And to all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air and all the creatures that move on the ground—everything that has the breath of life in it—I give you every green plant for food."

Genesis 2:7

The Lord God formed the man from the dust of the ground and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life, and the man became a living being.

Genesis 2:21-22

The Lord God caused the man to fall into a deep sleep; and while he was sleeping, he took one of the man's ribs and closed up the place with flesh. Then the Lord God made a woman from the rib he had taken out of the man, and he brought her to the man.

Genesis 2:18

"You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

*Adam and Eve's _____ led to a different and very difficult way of life, and ultimately to their _____.

*But the story in the garden is also about the tendency in the heart of mankind to choose things that _____ and _____ us over things that bring _____.

Genesis 6:8

But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord.

Because of Noah, God spares mankind from _____. But God has a plan to save mankind from the _____ tendencies in the soil of the _____.

John 1:1, 14a

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory.

Mark 4:3-9

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 it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants, so that they did not bear grain. Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up, grew and produced a crop, multiplying thirty, sixty, or even a hundred times.

From the _____ of the heart, the Kingdom of God will _____ and _____ one person at a time.

Community Action Steps

1. How do seeds of the 'Good News' grow inside us?
2. What are some challenges I face as the seed grows?
3. In what ways do I scatter the seeds of God's love?