

### current message series

Jesus spoke in parables to invite us to consider the surprising challenge and offer of his new life more fully. In June, we look at four parables where Jesus talks about the Kingdom as a seed. What is this small, seemingly insignificant Kingdom? And what sort of new life will it grow into? Join us as we explore the seeds of the kingdom!

### today

Jesus describes the Kingdom of God in parables to invite us to take a closer look at how radically God changes our lives. In this first parable, Jesus compares himself to a farmer extravagantly sowing seed, and we who hear his good news to various kinds of soil. His story begs the question: what am I doing to cultivate the soil of my life?

### scriptures for further reading

Matthew 13:3-9; 18-23; Galatians 5:16-6:10

### discussion questions

1. Why did Jesus teach in parables? Why not give more straightforward sermons (or write letters like Paul did)?
2. What experience do you have with reading parables?
3. How does the image of Jesus as the reckless farmer, throwing seed everywhere strike you?
4. Which soil do you most identify with at your current life-situation?
5. What do you need to do this week to cultivate the soil of your life?

