

# Deeper Life

Matthew 13:23

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## Sowing The Seed

1. Describe your image of the ideal church.
  2. Would your idea of the ideal church focus on your being spiritually fed, or would it focus more on having an opportunity to serve?
  3. Describe the type of people who would be in your ideal church.
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## Sending Down Roots

4. Read Matthew 4:18-24. What do you think the Disciples thought it would be like as they followed the Messiah, or King of Kings?
5. What type of people do you think the disciples thought they would be rubbing shoulders with?
6. Read the following passages and describe the type of people with Jesus.  
Matthew 19:13-15:  
Matthew 8:1-4:  
Matthew 8:28-34:  
Luke 7:36-38:

7. Do you think the type of people who hung around ever embarrassed the disciples?

8. Read Matthew 9:35-38. Why do you think the poor, the sick, the demon possessed, and sinners gathered around Jesus?

9. What type of people do you think will be attracted to a church that is demonstrating the love of Jesus?

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### **Producing Fruit**

10. What could make it difficult to be a part of a church that attracts the least desirable of society?

11. What is the blessing of being part of a church that reaches out to the least desirable of society?

12. Are you willing to commit yourself to follow in the footsteps of Jesus and show compassion to all, even the “Least of These”?