I. Matt 13:1-12

A. **Culture** - *Webster* - The set of shared attitudes, values, goals, and practices that characterizes a society, institution or organization.

B. **Given** - *didōmi* - To grant someone the opportunity or occasion to do something

C. **Know** - *ginōskō* - To come to know, acquire understanding or comprehension; progression

D. **Mysteries** - *mustēriŏn* - That which has not been known before but which has been **revealed** to an in-group or restricted constituency

E. **Kingdom** - *basilēia* - Royalty, rule or realm; area ruled by a king
   1. **Root** - *basis* - To walk; the foot; the bottom of something or foundational, principal component of something

F. Jesus came to show us what it was like to have the kingdom of heaven operating here on the earth.
   1. **Matthew 4:17** (NKJV) 17 From that time Jesus began to preach and to say, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”
      a) **Began** – Jesus began His public ministry wanting to build the culture of the kingdom of heaven instead of religion
      b) **Preach** - *kērussō* - To proclaim or publish publicly and loudly
      c) **Say** - *lĕgō* - To express in words
      d) **Repent** - *mētanŏĕō* - To think differently, reconsider; to change one’s way of life as the result of a complete change of thought and attitude with regard to sin and righteousness
      e) **At Hand** - *ēggizō* - To approach, to come or draw near
   2. **Luke 11:1-2 (NKJV)** - 1 Now it came to pass, as He was praying in a certain place, when He ceased, that one of His disciples said to Him, “Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples.” 2 So He said to them, “When you pray, say: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. **Your kingdom come.** Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven.”
II. **Matthew 13:18-23 - Parable and explanation**

A. **V3-4; 19 - Wayside hearer**

1. **Wayside** - ἁδός - Road, path, thoroughfare; way of life
2. **Sow** - σπειρό - To place or scatter seeds in ground for future growth
3. **What is being sown? What is the seed?**
   a) When anyone “hears”…what do we hear? Noises? Words!
4. **Where is it sown?** - Everywhere on all kinds of ground equally
   a) **Fell** - πιπτό - To descend from one level to another
5. **What does the different types of ground represent?**
   a) **In his HEART!** - What is the condition of our heart?
6. **What determines the success of the seed (word)?**
   a) **Understand** - συνιέμι - To put together in the mind, to comprehend
   b) Take it from “information” to “revelation”
7. **Snatches** - ἅρπαζō - To grab or seize by force w/out the consent of the owner
   a) So the Word of the kingdom has to be “understood” in order to prevent it from being snatched away.