

Match 1. Theology of the Harvest (Matt. 13:1-23)

What we see:

Not all soil is good soil

The Farmer sowed everywhere

We don't see... "Farmer you should have..."

"Farmer you shouldn't have..."

Match 1. Theology of the Harvest (Matt. 13:1-23)

How we prepare/respond:

Sow the seed broadly – Don't try to make dirt.

Be encouraged –

(good soil is so productive it's worth it! 30,60,100x!)



Match 2. Theology of Man

What we see:

They are dead (No one seeks God)

They are blind (The Gospel is foolishness to them)

They are made in the image of God

(They have a built-in thirst for Him)



Match 2. Theology of Man

How we prepare/respond:

Remember that we are engaging in the impossible –
the key is not our technique.

Speak “foolishness” and expect a miracle.

Start with the assumption that they are thirsty

Match 3. Theology of God's Sovereignty

What we see:

God calls – Eph 1:4-6, 12

He calls/chooses some and not others. Act 13:48,

Matt. 11:25-26 , Acts 2:38-39

Everyone he calls comes. Jn 6:37, 44

Man is still held responsible for not coming. Rom 1:18-20,

We are invited to join God in the process of calling.

Match 3. Theology of God's Sovereignty

How we prepare/respond:

Not with passivity but with the right kind of activism!

Acts 18:9-11

Praise God – **Matt. 11:25-26**

Join God – **2 Tim 2:10**

Match 4. Theology of the Spiritual World

What we see:

You're not alone in the room!

- Forces of Evil
- Active presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

How we prepare/respond:

See page 22 and 24 😊

Match 4. Theology of the Spiritual World

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and
knowledge of God!

How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!

³⁴ “Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?”

³⁵ “Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay him?”

For from him and through him and to him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Work of the Father

Implications for me:

- I'm always stepping into an active process
 - Process that was started before the beginning of time
 - Many circumstances have been arranged that I am unaware of.
 - Many times people are already prepared ahead of time.
- He's designed the play – watch closely, be sensitive to his plan
- God might be calling them – make them aware of the call.
- Ask Him to direct the circumstances
- Ask Him to send reinforcements - Lord of the harvest

Work of the Son

Key Verses: Lk 19:10, Jn 14:6 Matt. 11:27 Matt. 9:6 Jn 8:36

Primary Positions: Seeker/Savior

Way to the father

Reveals the Father

Forgives

Pursues

Rescues, repairs, redeems

Way, truth, life

Water for their thirst, bread for their hunger

Work of the Son

Implications for me:

Look for thirst

Look for brokenness

Look for the need for a miracle

Ask him to be the “way, truth, and life”

Ask him to reveal the Father

Ask him for a miracle

Work of the Spirit

Key Verses: 1 Cor 2:4-14, Jn 15:26, Jn 16:7-15

Primary Positions: Illuminator/Communicator

Convicts of sin

Testifies to Christ

Reveals truth

Brings understanding of the un-understandable

Gives power and confirms the message with power

Work of the Spirit

Implications for me:

Realize I'm talking gibberish and need a translator

Rely on the Spirit to convict of sin

Seek his power

Ask him to convict, reveal Christ, and bring understanding.

(Use prayer in Evangelistic conversations)

Teaming up with the Trinity

- Remember it's not just an argument or intellectual activity. (There's much more going on! This conversation is intersecting with a complex coordinated plan of God)
- Be encouraged. We are joining the trinity in an activity that they are highly engaged in and more committed to the outcome than we are.
- Don't be a ball hog. (don't take responsibility for God's responsibilities)