August 7, 2022 "The Indiscriminate Sower" Luke 8:1-15

1. The Nature of the Sower

- a. The Sower goes *out* to sow his seed.
- b. The Sower scattered *good* seed.
- c. The Sower scattered seed *indiscriminately*.

2. Our indiscriminate way of loving others is our way of "preparing the soil" and "planting the seed"

- a. Preparing or planting?
- b. People don't need to be told how bad they are. They need to be loved and cared for.
- c. We have *good* news to share with *everyone*. (Matthew 5:45b)
- d. When Jesus encountered people. (The woman caught in adultery in John 8:1-9)
- e. Indiscriminate love means that we can withhold comments, our labels, conclusions, judgment
- f. The world needs a church that is different than itself.

3. Grace is the key

- a. We have received grace (John 1:16)
- b. We must give grace. (Romans 5:20)
- c. Lean hard on grace.

4. A Lofty Day Dream for Highland

- a. Highland as a hub of the community
- b. Where there is no risk there is no faith.
- 5. God has a **purpose**, rather than a **plan**!