PULLING THORNS

Luke records some of the most fascinating stories with interesting characters. His most well-known character is <u>The Good Samaritan</u>. Today we meet a very influential person who never lived.

Luke 8:4-15

- * It's a story: something everyone who listened could understand.
- * Why a story? (vv. 9-10) Do you want to know more?
- * What does it mean? There are four responses . . .

which one represents you the best?

√ Everyone has some thorns. (v. 14)

Crowded out by: 1) worries - distractions

2) <u>riches</u> - lure of the world

3) pleasures - feel good

√ The Two Themes of this parable:

Receiving & Giving

The Fourth Soil is ultimately the Sower!

Reflective Questions:

- 1) What make-believe character has inspired you in the past? How?
- 2) What aspect of this story stands out to you the most? Why?
- 3) How are you receiving the life of Christ? How are you giving it away?

