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Contact: David Minard
(517) 756-8000

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Thursday 6:30 p.m.

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Contact: Jim Wickey
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Coldwater Group
Monday 7:00 p.m.

Hosts: Scott and Jan Carpenter
587 Scott Drive, Coldwater
Contact: Scott Carpenter
(517) 278-3376

Youth Study Group
Thursday 6:30 p.m.

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Contact: Sharon McMeen
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- II. The first parable is commonly referred to as the Sower and the Seed. Read [Mark 4:1-9, 13-20](#). What are the four types of soils and what does each soil represent? What is the seed? Explain how people respond in the four different ways to God's word. Which of the four are Christians? Can a person change from one soil (heart) type to another? Explain your answer. Finally, what's the crop/fruit produced by the good soil? What is meant by thirty, sixty or a hundred fold?
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- IV. Finally, read [Mark 12:1-12](#). Why does Jesus tell this parable and who is it about? Why did Jesus quote [Psalm 118:22-23](#) to the Pharisees? According to verse 12, did they get the point?

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