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SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST – PROPER 10

HEARING GOD'S WORD BRINGS NEW LIFE AND GROWTH







CONVERSATIONS

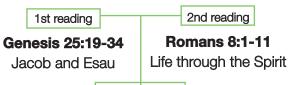
Share your highs and lows, or respond to the following:

- 1. How have you grown over this past year (e.g. physically, socially, emotionally, vocationally, intellectually, spiritually)?
- 2. What things have helped you to grow?



BIBLE READINGS

Read the following Bible readings throughout this week. Talk about what words or phrases stand out for you.



Gospel reading
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Parable of the sower and seed

DISCUSS

In your faith life at present, are you more like the path, the rocky ground, the thorn patch or the good soil?



ACTION RESPONSE

Plant flower seeds in containers filled with potting soil this week. Place them in a sunny spot and take turns in watering them over the next few weeks. Enjoy watching new life emerge and then take them to others and share the love of God's creation.



MEALTIME PRAYER

From soil and seed you give us food to chew. Show us the work you want us to do. Amen.



Holy Spirit, lead us to think about and do things that please God. Help us to welcome, hear and understand your message, and do what it asks. Amen.



THE SEEDS THAT FELL ON GOOD GROUND ARE THE PEOPLE WHO HEAR AND UNDERSTAND THE MESSAGE. THEY PRODUCE AS MUCH AS A HUNDRED OR SIXTY OR THIRTY TIMES WHAT WAS PLANTED.

MATTHEW 13:23

