

Parable of the Soils

Luke 8:4-15

- Jesus' message of the kingdom is tough to grasp but will go forth (vs.4-15)

- People respond to Jesus' message in a variety of ways (vs. 11-15)
 - Some respond with _____
_____. (vs. 5,12)

 - Some respond with _____,
_____. (vs. 6,13)

 - Some respond by _____
Jesus in with all their _____.(vs. 7,14)

 - Some respond by _____
_____. (vs. 8,15)

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Take a few minutes and read Luke 8:3-21 with your group. The message today centered on verses 3-15. Take some time as a group to connect the parable of the soils with Jesus' illustration of the lamp and scene with his mother and brothers. How are these linked?

2. We live in a society that is always on the move. That pace of life means we often neglect some of what we deem most important. Can you name people in your life that have not surrendered to the gospel? Do you see your role of sower of seed in their lives? How can you engage them with the gospel?

3. Even when we are conscious of the need to share the gospel we can easily begin to make judgments about the hearts of others. Do you have anyone that you have unconsciously said is too far from the gospel or that will never believe? Read Acts 8:1-3 & 9:1-19. What do these passage seem to indicate about the soil or heart of a person?

4. Scott ended the message stating that even those with good soil or receptive hearts find themselves with places that are oppositional to the kingdom. What are areas in your heart that are like the path, rocky soil, or thorny areas? What does it look like to cultivate these areas?