

### 3 Elements in the Parable of the Sower:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ = the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
2. \_\_\_\_\_ = the \_\_\_\_\_ of God
3. \_\_\_\_\_ = the human \_\_\_\_\_

### 4 Soils = 4 Responses to the Word:

1. \_\_\_\_\_ heart
2. \_\_\_\_\_ heart
3. \_\_\_\_\_ heart
4. \_\_\_\_\_ heart

**Which soil are you?**

**NEXT WEEK:** Kingdom Come: Luke 9:18-36

### GET PLUGGED IN >>>



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### 1. WELCOME

If anyone has had a significant event in their life this past week, give them a minute to share with the group. If necessary, take some time to pray for any immediate needs right at the beginning of the meeting.

### 2. VISION/PURPOSE

God designed us for relationship. How are we doing at being part of each other's lives outside of the group meeting time? Consider planning something together in the next month. (Guys, the PAUSE Men's Breakfast is coming up this Saturday @ 8am).

### 3. SMALL GROUP GUIDELINES

Review guidelines (Use "I" Statements, No Fixing, Confidentiality, Listening) that cultivate a healthy environment for sharing and discussion.

### 4. OPENING PRAYER

### 5. READ SCRIPTURE PASSAGE/TELL BIBLE STORY PASSAGE

### 6. DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Use a good mix of Head (informational/study) questions, Heart (personal reflection) questions, and Hand (practical application) questions. Below are questions your group can pick from to follow along with the sermon series.

### 7. PERSONAL SHARING AND PRAYER REQUESTS

You can share and pray in one group, in smaller groups, or in gender specific groups. Make sure that phone numbers are shared so that encouragement and connection can happen during the week.

## QUESTIONS

**WARM UP:** *Did you grow up on a farm or have a relative who farmed? What is one farming memory that stands out to you?*

**HEAD:** These questions help us examine the Word.

1. Read Luke 8:4-15. Why did Jesus tell parables? Why didn't Jesus make the truth more obvious?
2. What is the seed? The sower? The soil?
3. What do each of the four soils represent?

**HEART:** These questions help us wrestle with what we believe.

4. What kind of soil best represents you? Why?

**HAND:** These questions help us bring truth and beliefs into our everyday life.

5. What would Jesus want you to do in response to this story? What do you need God to do in your heart?