

Matthew 13:1-23

What is revealed when the word of God is proclaimed?

- I. The sovereign grace of God
 - A. God's kingdom revealed (v. 10-11; John 3:3)
 - B. Responding to God's word (v. 12-13)
- II. The condition of the heart
 - A. Two conditions (v. 14-17; Isa. 6:9-10)
 - B. Four responses (v. 3-9, 18-23)

Application Guide:

1. Nobody can know the truths of God's kingdom unless they are revealed by God. What are the implications of this? How is this a source of deep encouragement and assurance?
2. Through what grid or lens do you interpret the word of God? What personal experiences and cultural realities impact the way you hear God's word?
3. Which soil best represents the condition of your heart? If you are in Christ (fourth soil), what affects the amount of fruit you bear? How do the first three soils help answer this?