



Growth Group Discussion Questions

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1. Reread Jesus's explanation of the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:18-23. There are many types of fruit that comes from the seed planted in the good soil.
 - a. What do you think that fruit is and what fruit have you seen in your life?
 - b. Is the fruit worth the work it takes to get it?

2. If you are anything like me, your heart looks like all of the soils, sometimes all at the same time.
 - a. How can you relate to any of the four soils?
 - b. What are some steps that you can take to prepare your heart to be fertile ground for God's word?

3. Find a scripture or story in the Bible that describes each type of soil. Share some with the group.
 - a. The path/hard soil
 - b. Shallow/Rocky soil
 - c. Thorny soil
 - d. Good soil

4. Read Acts 8:18-24.
 - a. What kind of soil do you think best represents Simons heart?
 - b. How and why do you think Simon undervalued the kingdom?

- c. Can you relate to any aspects of Simons approach to the kingdom? How so?

- 5. Reread the parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl in Matthew 13:44-46.
 - a. What makes the kingdom of God so valuable that it is worth all that you have?
 - b. Why is the man in verse 44 so joyful?

- 6. Your joy is connected to how valuable you find the treasure. Read Isaiah 12.
 - a. Does your joy reflect the value of the treasure of the kingdom? How or how not?

- 7. Read Philippians 3:7-14.
 - a. What can you be tempted to value most?
 - b. Why is knowing Christ more valuable?