

The Voice: The Secular

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that you will quite often talk over this week's message long after our experience is over. That's because God has impact. The Sermon Discussion Guide is designed to help you continue the conversation all week.

This weekend, we focused on the third of the four soils in the *Parable of the Sower*.

Discuss why we cannot be instruments of God if we're also serving another master – money, pride, perfection, success, etc. Why will trying to serve both never work? Luke 16:13; 1 Corinthians 3:18-19; 1 John 2:15-16

God's voice gets squeezed out by our appetites, amusements and attitudes. We often do not hear Him because we're tuned in to our own wants. How do we move from having a will to want to wanting the Will of God?

Psalm 37:4; Luke 9:23-25; James 1:5; 1 John 2:17

Three Keys to Making Fruit Happen:

1. Be a person who is **separated** from the world.

Who lives in your heart – Jesus or yourself? The answer will tell you if you're separated from the world or separated from Him.

Proverbs 4:23; *Matthew* 6:19-21; *Ephesians* 3:17-19; *Revelation* 3:20

2. Be a person who is **saturated** with the Word.

What is your Biblical literacy level? How often do you sit down and contemplate God's Word?

Psalm 119:105; 2 Timothy 3:16; Hebrews 4:12

3. Be a person who is **situated** by the waters.

If your roots are planted firmly in Him, good fruit will grow. What fruit have you seen God producing in your life – is it good or bad?

Psalm 1:3; Matthew 7:16-17; John 15:16; Colossians 2:6-7

What's Next

- Separate yourself from the "wisdom" of the world and instead turn to the Word of God the only true wisdom.
- Close the door of your heart to outside influences and temptations. Open it only for Jesus Christ.