



The Voice: Soils

It's important that God's Word continues after the message. At Celebrate, we find that we 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.

In the NBC reality show called *The Voice*, the judges have their backs to the contestants and can only hear their voice. If they like what they hear they turn their chairs around to the singer and declare 'I WANT YOU.'

This is like our relationship with God. We can't see Him with our physical eyes so how can we hear His voice?

God teaches us that it comes down to the attitude of our heart. Jesus spoke of four types of soil in the *Parable of the Sower*. In this parable, the heart is related to different types of soil.

SOILS OF RECEPTIVITY

1. THE SOIL OF NO CHANCE

What are the consequences of saying no to God?

John 3:36; Proverbs 1:23-31; Ephesians 4: 17-19; Hebrews 3:8-19

2. THE SOIL OF NO DEPTH

Why is it important to have deep roots in your faith?

Matthew 13:20-21; Colossians 2:4-9; 2 Peter 1:2-8

3. THE SOIL OF NO TIME

Jesus said in *Luke 8:14* that worries and riches and pleasures of this life can keep us from growing into maturity. Discuss reasons and results of taking the wrong path or the right path with your time and affections.

Matthew 7:13-14; Proverbs 3:13-18; Proverbs 2:1-6

4. THE SOIL OF KNOW GOD

Many people say they don't hear God's Voice. Does God still speak to people today and if so how does He speak to us?

John 10:27; John 14:21-23; John 14: 16-17; John 16:12-16

What's Next

- Don't be just a weekend feeder; be a daily feeder of God's Word.
- Listen for the voice of God through His word and His Spirit.
- The only thing that matters to Jesus is people. Let's commit to doing the works of Jesus that He outlined in *Matthew 25:35-40*.