

**Summer at Cypress**  
**Week One – study guide**  
**Four Soils**

1. Have you ever planted a garden? Was/is it a satisfying experience? Why or why not?
2. Read Matthew 13:1-9. Name the 4 soils. List characteristics of each kind of soil.
3. Do you know people represented by each of these soils? What type of “soil” best represents you now? Five years ago?
4. Verse 9 in Matthew 13 says, “anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand.” What, in today’s culture, makes listening well a difficult skill?
5. Read Hebrews 4:12. What does the equipment known as the “riper” do to the soil? Why is this so important and how can we apply this to our own faith journey?
6. What steps can we take to have deeper spiritual roots?
  - a. Study God’s Word
  - b. Pray
  - c. Love people
7. What can you do this week to begin deepening your roots with your relationship with Christ? Start with the Summer devotionals on the Cypress App.