

UPCOMING EVENTS:

WATER BAPTISM BEEBE LAKE - JULY 12TH

Our next opportunity for Baptism will be on Sunday, July 12th following the morning services at Beebe Lake! Scan the QR code to learn more and to sign up!

CHILD DEDICATION: FATHER'S DAY WEEKEND

If you would like to have your child dedicated here at Westbridge Church, join us on Father's Day Weekend as we dedicate kids in each service. Scan the QR code for info!



PERSONAL NOTES:

LIFE GROUPS:

CHECK OUT A LIFE GROUP!

LIFE GROUPS are smaller groups of people who commit to meet together consistently for the purpose of growing relationally and spiritually.

Browse all the Life Groups option in the Westbridge Church App and sign up today!

Let us know if you have ANY questions!



MESSAGE NOTES

Reading Between The Lines // Week 1

"A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it. Other seed fell among rocks. It began to grow, but the plant soon wilted and died for lack of moisture. Other seed fell among thorns that grew up with it and choked out the tender plants. Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted! Anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand." **Luke 8:5-8**

The Kingdom of God is most available to the least RESISTANT.

"This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word." **Luke 8:11**

4 types of hearts:

1. The footpath = a HARDENED heart. (Verse 12)

2. Rocky soil = a SHALLOW heart. (Verse 13)

3. Thorns = a CROWDED heart. (Verse 14)

4. Good soil = a RECEPTIVE heart. (Verse 15)

Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life. **Proverbs 4:23**

REFLECTIVE QUESTION:

"What is the CONDITION of my HEART?"

How to cultivate a receptive heart:

1. Be HONEST with yourself.

2. Hear TRUTH.

3. CLING to truth.

4. Be PATIENT.

Create in me a clean heart, O God. Renew a steadfast spirit within me. **Psalms 51:10**

LIFE GROUPS

DISCUSSION GUIDE

These questions are designed to help groups discuss the weekend teaching while building relationships with each other and growing in our faith!

May 28th / 31st, 2026

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WARM UP

1. What's a movie, story, or book that had an impact on your life?

2. What's something you've had to be patient with in life that took much longer than expected?

2

KNOW IT

1. In the parable of the sower, what does each type of soil reveal about the condition of a person's heart?

2. Read **Hebrews 3:12-13**. What causes hearts to become hardened? How does hurt, disappointment, or repeated resistance to God shape our receptivity?

3. Read **Colossians 2:6-7**. What helps spiritual roots grow deeper? Why does emotional excitement alone not sustain faith?

4. Read **Matthew 6:24**. What "thorns" most commonly choke out spiritual growth in our culture? Why are distraction and busyness often more dangerous than obvious rebellion?

5. Read **James 1:22-25**. What does it practically mean to "*hear, cling to, and patiently produce*"? Why is *obedience* essential to *fruitfulness*?

3

SHARE IT

1. Which soil best describes your heart in this season of life - and why?

2. Have there been seasons where your heart felt hardened? What contributed to that?

3. Where are you most tempted toward shallowness - initial excitement without lasting depth?

4. What distractions, pressures, or priorities tend to crowd out your spiritual growth?

5. Can you share a time when patiently clinging to God's truth eventually produced fruit?

4

LIVE IT

1. This week, what is one area of your life you need to be brutally honest about the condition of your heart?

2. What truth from God's Word do you need to actively cling to right now?

3. What "thorn" needs to be removed or pruned from your life?

4. What would patience with your spiritual growth look like this week?