



DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

The Parables of Jesus — The Sower

1. How familiar are you with Jesus' parables? Share your favorite if you have one.
2. Read The parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:1-9. How do you think Jesus' original audience might have received this? How are you receiving this? I.e. What stands out? What questions do you have? What makes sense? What doesn't?
3. Read Matthew 13:10-17. What is troubling and or encouraging about why Jesus taught in parables?
4. Read Jesus' explanation of The Sower in Matthew 18-23. Which of the four "soils" or "heart-responses" are you?
5. What is something you can do this week to cultivate the soil of your heart?