

**Weekend Message Questions**  
**The Parables, Week 4: The Sower/Soils**  
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**CHECK-IN:** How is everyone doing this week? Any highs, lows, or moments where you sensed God's presence?

**READ:** Matthew 13:1–23

**DISCUSS:** PART 1: INTROSPECTION & THE SEASON WE'RE IN

- The parable invites us to pause and honestly evaluate the condition of our hearts. When you consider your spiritual life right now, what emotions surface—tired, hopeful, distracted, hungry, joy?

**READ:** Matthew 13:3–9, 18–23

**DISCUSS:** PART 2: THE SOILS & OUR HEARTS

- Jesus describes four types of soil. Which soil do you resonate with most in this season of life—and why?
- The “thorns” represent worries and the allure of wealth. What are the thorns that most easily crowd out spiritual growth for you?
- Good soil represents a heart that is receptive, deep, and healthy. What does “good soil” look like in your life when you're at your best spiritually?

**READ:** Matthew 13:16–17

**DISCUSS:** PART 3: THE INVITATION OF JESUS

- Jesus says many longed to see and understand what He was revealing. Where do you sense Jesus inviting you deeper right now?
- The message talked about the heart, spiritual and not physical, as the center of emotion, desire, thought, and spiritual life. How has your heart been postured this past year—through circumstances, decisions, or even spiritual dryness?
- The parable is a call, a warning, and an invitation: a call to come home, a warning to pay attention, and an invitation to wholeness. Which of those three resonates most with you today?

**READ:** John 1:35–39

**DISCUSS:** PART 4: FEEDING THE RIGHT THINGS

- The sermon closed with the story of the two wolves—one representing fear, anger, pride, and the other representing peace, compassion, and faith. What are you currently feeding, and what would it look like to feed the other “wolf”?
- Spiritual disciplines were described not as performance but as conduits through which God heals our hearts. Which practice—prayer, silence, journaling, Scripture, worship music, community—helps you most create space for God?
- What is one small, doable practice you can commit to this week to tend to the soil of your heart?

**APPLY:** Take time this week to honestly reflect: How is my heart? Choose one next step—counseling, confession, journaling, a spiritual discipline, or reaching out to a trusted friend—that helps you create space for God to heal and restore.

**PRAYER TIME:** Share prayer requests related to the heart, healing, spiritual growth, or personal circumstances. Pray for one another to become “good soil” that produces life, peace, and depth.

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