

Discussion Questions

INTRODUCTION

Everyone loves a good story told by a great storyteller. Hearing Jesus tell stories can be compared to a seed taking root. Are you allowing Him to plant His truth deep within?

GETTING STARTED

1. Make a list of the steps a farmer must complete in order to gather an abundant harvest.
2. Tell a story of a time when someone helped you in a time of need. What were the results?

BIBLE IDEA

3. Read Matthew 13:1-16. Why did Jesus use stories to teach spiritual truths? How do these stories help people hear & understand God?
4. Read Matthew 13:1-4;19 & Romans 2:19-23. Why is the world so deaf to Biblical truth (**concepts like:** the least is greatest, tithing, complete forgiveness, love/kindness, sacrificial service, surrender/submission, etc.)?
5. Matthew 13:5-6;20-21 & Romans 2:5-8. What is the difference between a casual Christian and a fully devoted follower of Jesus? Identify some ways God can melt a hard heart and open our ears to hear and follow His voice.
6. Read Matthew 13:7;22 & Hebrews 12:1-2. List some habits in your life that help you stay focused on Jesus. Which habit will you choose to focus on this week?

NEXT STEPS

7. Choose someone with whom you'd like to share your story of Jesus. Plan and execute a time this week to share your story with them.