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Opening Announcements

* FB Daily Bible Reading Group

Opening Prayer

AIC FOCUS/GOALS FOR 2021

Overall Theme For 2021: *"The Year of Following Jesus"*

Goals:

1. Encourage and lead one another to pray more like Jesus.
2. Encourage and lead one another to live more like Jesus.
3. Encourage and lead one another to fight temptation more like Jesus.
4. Encourage and lead one another to love more like Jesus.
5. Be free from building debt by 2025
6. Begin VISON process to coincide with debt payoff.

Q: When you think about soil....what do you know about it?

Q: What's interesting about God "forming man from the dust of the ground" (Genesis 2:7)? Note: Well see how this idea "fits" with the passage for today.

READ: Luke 8: 4-8 "And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶ And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷ And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

Q: What are the different characteristics of the different soils?

Q: When Jesus says "He who has ears to hear, let him hear", what's He talking about?

Q: If you were in the "great crowd" and heard Jesus say this parable, what would you think? Do you think the people "got it"? Why or why not?

READ: Luke 8:9-15 "And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰ he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not

understand.' ¹¹ Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."

Q: According to verse 9, did the disciples know what Jesus' parable meant? What's significant about their question and "WHO" they were asking? What does this teach us?

Q: What's significant about the seed on the path?

Q: What's significant about those on the rock?

Q: What's significant about those among the thorns?

Q: What's significant about those who are "good soil"?

Q: Of the "good soil", what do you notice about "how" fruit happens?

Q: How can we "hold fast" God's Word? Why is this important in "bearing fruit"?

Q: What are some of the major "pitfalls" of life that keeps us from being fruitful and productive?

Q: What have you found to help your life be more "fruitful"?

Q: How can being "fruitful" help AIC fulfill its goal of "following Jesus"?