



The Lord's Day Morning — August 18, 2024

“The Kingdom of God”

Matthew 13:1–9, 13–23, 44–46

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1. Jesus tells a story about a sower and four soils. (13:3–9)
  
2. Jesus explains the meaning of the four soils. (13:18–23)
  - Deaf listeners (13:18–19)
  - Superficial listeners (13:20–21)
  - Distracted listeners (13:22)
  - Fruitful listeners (13:23)
  
3. The great, but hidden value of the Kingdom:
  - Mustard seed (13:31–32)
  - Treasure in a field (13:44)
  - Pearl of great price (13:45–6)
  
4. Our response:

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS:

1. Do you think of Jesus primarily as prophet and teacher? As priest and sacrifice? Or as King? How can your life show that Jesus is your King?
2. How is the Kingdom of God like a seed?
3. How is the Kingdom like a mustard seed in particular? How does that message help us when we are discouraged by what we see in the world?
4. If Jesus asked you, "What kind of soil or listener are you? Deaf (13:18–19)? Superficial (13:20–21)? Distracted (13:22)? Fruitful (13:23)?"
5. Explain what it means to say that the church is the vanguard, concentration point, school, and hospital of the Kingdom. How is the Kingdom broader than the church?