

# LIFE GROUP GUIDE

Message Series: Insight: How Jesus Revealed the Kingdom

Message Title: Parable of the Sower

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## DISCUSSION & APPLICATION

**Ice Breaker: Why do you think Jesus chose to teach in parables?**

Read Matthew 13:1-23.

Listen to hear, not to respond.

**1. Who is someone in your life that makes you feel truly heard and understood?**

Jesus came to invade this world with heaven and to take back this world the way God intended it to be.

**2. When have you experienced a visitation from Jesus this week because you were listening for Him? What do you believe He was speaking to you?**

**3. What are some "thorns" that can choke out spiritual growth?**

**4. Where do you fall on the path? (Refer to page two for a summary)**

## AT A GLANCE

### SCRIPTURE

Matthew 13:1-23

### APPLICATION

- Listen to hear
- Examine the condition of your heart
- Awareness of the kingdom of heaven

## GOING DEEPER - PAUSE, PONDER, PRAY

Lord, give us ears that truly hear, hearts that remain soft and receptive, and lives that bear fruit for Your kingdom. Show us any rocky places or thorns in our hearts, and help us become good soil for Your Word. In Jesus's name, AMEN!

**The Parable of the Sower**  
**The Farmer = God**  
**The Seed = God's Word**  
**The soil/garden = My heart**

**The Footpath**

- Knowledge of (the Word) vs influenced by (the Word)
- Sees God's Word as a good story but doesn't have application in their life
- No perseverance when "life happens"
- The evil one comes and snatches away the seed that was planted in their hearts
- Do they truly believe?

**Rocky Soil**

- Hears the Word and receives it with joy
- Temporary followers at best
- Falls away when affliction or persecution arises because of the Word
- Their "reality" has more influence than God's Truth

**Thorn Patch**

- Hears the Word and comes in agreement with it
- Worries of the world or pleasures of life chokes out the Truth of God's Word
- No fruit or maturity
- Controlled by insecurities or the false reality that they've "got it together"

**Good Soil**

- Hears the Word and acts upon it
- Holds fast to the Word
- Does not surrender to circumstances or succumb under trial
- Bears fruit, thirty, sixty, and a hundredfold
- Finds the narrow path
- House is built on the solid rock of Christ