

Growth Group Discussion Questions

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- 1. Reread Jesus's explanation of the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:18-23. There are many types of fruit that comes from the seed planted in the good soil.
 - a. What do you think that fruit is and what fruit have you seen in your life?
 - b. Is the fruit worth the work it takes to get it?
- 2. If you are anything like me, your heart looks like all of the soils, sometimes all at the same time.
 - a. How can you relate to any of the four soils?
 - b. What are some steps that you can take to prepare your heart to be fertile ground for God's word?
- 3. Find a scripture or story in the Bible that describes each type of soil. Share some with the group.
 - a. The path/hard soil
 - b. Shallow/Rocky soil
 - c. Thorny soil
 - d. Good soil
- 4. Read Acts 8:18-24.
 - a. What kind of soil do you think best represents Simons heart?
 - b. How and why do you think Simon undervalued the kingdom?
 - c. Can you relate to any aspects of Simons approach to the kingdom? How so?

- 5. Reread the parable of the hidden treasure and the pearl in Matthew 13:44-46.
 - a. What makes the kingdom of God so valuable that it is worth all that you have?
 - b. Why is the man in verse 44 so joyful?
- 6. Your joy is connected to how valuable you find the treasure. Read Isaiah 12.
 - a. Does your joy reflect the value of the treasure of the kingdom? How or how not?
- 7. Read Philippians 3:7-14.
 - a. What can you be tempted to value most?
 - b. Why is knowing Christ more valuable?