



Title: Good Soil, Genuine Faith

Text: Mark 4:1-20

1. The Parable of the Sower (1-9)

2. The Purpose of the Parables (10-12)

3. The Parable Explained (13-20)

Life Application Questions:

1. What does the different soil in the parable teach us about why the same Word can produce such different results in different people? Why is it important that the seed stays the same in every scenario? What does this teach us about the condition of the human heart?

2. Why do you think Jesus says that some are given the “secret of the kingdom” while others remain on the outside, and what does this teach us about the importance of spiritual hearing? Why might Jesus use parables to both reveal and conceal? What is the difference between hearing words and truly perceiving truth? How does humility affect a person’s ability to receive spiritual truth?

3. Which soil best reflects the greatest spiritual danger in your life right now; hardness, shallowness, distraction, or fruitfulness; and what practical step helps cultivate good soil? What “thorns” are most dangerous in our culture today? How do trials reveal whether our roots are deep? What does genuine spiritual fruit actually look like in daily life?