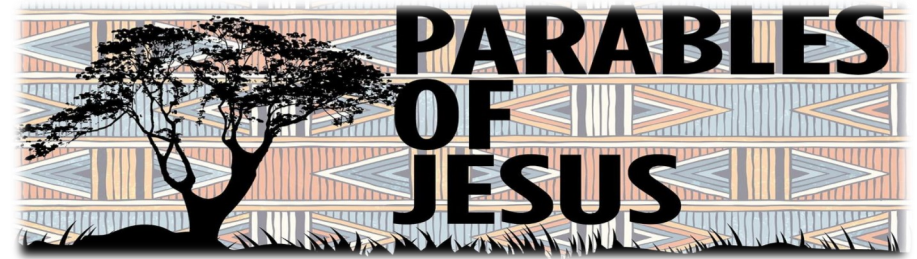


Reflection Questions: What evidence in my life is proof that the Word of God has taken root deep in my heart? What kind of fruit is my life producing? Am I casting seeds of the gospel wherever I go? How can I do this better?

How can we pray for one another this week?



Soils, *Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23*

Sermon
Notes

March 1, 2020

Quotes to Ponder

Churches should not be complicit in allowing people to think an initial response unaccompanied by productive living is saving faith.

Klyne R. Snodgrass

Reformations which are not the work of conquering grace are usually temporary, and often lead up to a worse condition in after years.

Satan is always on the watch to hinder the Word... He is always afraid to leave the truth even in hard and dry contact with a mind.

Charles Spurgeon

Jesus now, more than ever before, begins to speak in parables in order to further reveal the truth to those who accepted the mysterious, but to conceal it from those who rejected the obvious.

William Hendriksen

A parable is a shell that keeps good fruit for the diligent, but keeps it from the slothful.

Matthew Henry

The fact that Christ taught mysteries in parables was not to suggest that His message was meant for the elite disciples or that it should be kept secret Still, only those with eyes to see will see it.

Jesus clearly affirms that the ability to comprehend spiritual truth is a gracious gift of God, bestowed sovereignly on the elect.

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1. What in the text/sermon impacted you most? Encouraged you? Convinced you? Challenged you? Confused you?

2. What is the main point of the parables of the soils (*Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23*)?

3. Why do you think Jesus started with this parable?

4. What are the four kinds of soil in this parable? What do they represent? Which ones are fruitful or unfruitful? Why?

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5. What are the main differences between the four kinds of soil?

6. What is the test of true salvation in this parable (*Matthew 13:23; Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15*)?

7. What fruit will the true disciple of Christ produce? Why?
Galatians 5:22-23 — *Colossians 1:10* —

Philippians 1:11 —

Hebrews 13:15 —

8. Why does Jesus end the parable with the statement, *He who has ears, let him hear (Matthew 13:9)*?

9. Read *Ezekiel 36:26-27*. What does God promise in these verses? What does it mean to have a *new heart, a heart of flesh*?

What will we do when God gives us hearts of flesh and fills us with His Holy Spirit?

10. Read *Hebrews 4:12-13*. In what ways does the Word of God expose the thoughts and intentions of a person's heart?

11. According to *Luke 12:32-34*, what are we instructed to do? What reasons does it give?

12. Is it possible to have wealth and yet not have your heart overly attached to it? If so, how? If not, why?

13. According to *James 4:7-8*, what is our responsibility? How do we do this?

14. How can we have a clean heart (*Psalms 51:10*)?

15. Why is it important that we keep our hearts with diligence (*Proverbs 4:23*)?