

THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

AN INVESTIGATION INTO THE LIFE, WORK,
TEACHING AND CLAIMS OF JESUS CHRIST

THE SEED AND THE SOIL LUKE 8:1-15 | JUNE 14 & 15, 2014

Jesus has left Simon the Pharisees' house and with a growing crowd is traveling from one town or village to another. Along the path, Jesus is likely reflecting on the Kingdom of God and begins to see a connection to his mission and that of growing seed. This is a teachable moment!

WITH THE GROUP



LEARNING | BEGINNING TO CONNECT WITH THE TOPIC

Is there a time you can remember that your heart was first opened to the things of God?



LEARNING | GETTING CLEAR ON WHAT WAS TAUGHT

What is the primary task in sharing the gospel?

Based on Jesus' explanation in vv. 11-15, what are some kinds of hindrances which can keep people from believing God's word?



LOVING | GROWING OUR HEART FOR A LOVING GOD

Did any part of the sermon stand out, make an impression, confuse or challenge you?

In the four soils metaphor: Can the individual soil be changed? How so?



LIVING | STARTING TO LIVE LIKE JESUS DAILY

When are you most tempted to disbelieve the Bible?

Given what Jesus reveals in this parable, besides sharing the gospel, what do you think is the best thing you can do for unbelievers? Why?

DIGGING DEEPER

Personify each of the four soils using characteristics from people in your life. (Note: Don't use names or gossip about others, but "build" the character from actual ways you imagine friends, family, coworkers or acquaintances responding.) What could a "sower" do in the lives of each person to help the seed take root and flourish?

GRADUATE LEVEL

Why does Jesus teach in parables? Review this parable and several others to develop a theory and support for why Jesus chooses at times to speak through parable. How well is his teaching understood by his listeners? By readers centuries later? What does Luke 8:9-10 mean? How does Matthew help your understanding through Mt 13:11-13?