

## GROWTH GROUP QUESTIONS WEEK OF JUL 17, 2022

Matthew 13: 1- 23

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*Take a little time to review this week's sermon. Using the sermon notes and Bible, answer the following questions before the group meeting. Write out your answers so you'll feel more comfortable sharing them with the group. Have a great time!*

### I. Getting to Know You

How did you experience God working in your life this week?  
How can we pray for you?

### II. Digging Deeper

#### **Matthew 13:10-11 (ESV)**

<sup>10</sup> Then the disciples came and said to him, “Why do you speak to them in parables?” <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

1. Do you think that (Matthew Henry's) analogy of a parable being like a fruit with a somewhat tough skin on it is correct, keeping the less interested out and yielding delicious and healthy fruit to those who exert themselves to understand?
2. Do you see the parable as an effective method to understand how God is working toward the salvation of men and women?
3. **(Read: Matthew 13:18 -23)**  
In the parable of the Sower, which soil/heart conditions have you observed when sharing God's Word (the seed) with others and watching their lives.
  - a. The Hard Packed Soil,
  - b. The Shallow Soil on Rocky Ground,
  - c. The Overgrown Thorny Soil,
  - d. The Good Soil

4. Is there hope for these Soil/heart conditions or must they be permanent:

and can we effect the condition of the soil?

#### **(Read Matthew 13:23)**

Is there any concern of The Good Soil becoming poor and not receiving the Seed/Word?

The **fruit** borne here: Do you think that it is limited to souls being saved as fruit or might it include something else also as fruit?

### III. Making it Personal

5. Have you experienced any of the soil/heart conditions mentioned here in your own life when you heard the Word?
6. How has the condition of your soil improved or lessened over time?
7. By what method is your soils/souls condition being improved?
8. In light of this parable what will you do to be ready for the next time that you hear the Word of God?

### IV. Prayer