

TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?...

A Video Bible Study Series

(John 6:68, NIV)

PARABLE OF THE SOWER

PARABLES OF JESUS SERIES (MATTHEW 13:3-23)

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What do the seeds represent in the parable?

- In this parable, the seeds represent the Word of God. It is the message about the kingdom of God which is the living and powerful truth about Jesus.

2. What do the four different kinds of soil represent?

- The soil describes the condition of our hearts and readiness to respond to God's Word.

3. What did the seeds on the path represent in Jesus' story?

- It is God's Word landing on people with hardened hearts. They do not understand who Jesus is and the devil quickly steals what was planted in their hearts.

4. What did the seeds that fell on rocky ground represent?

- People hear the message and at once receive it with joy. But they have no roots. So, they last only a short time. They quickly fall away from the faith when trouble or suffering comes because of the message.

5. What did the seeds in the thorny patch represent?

- These seeds represent people who hear about Jesus, but the worries of this life and the false promise of wealth crowd it out. They keep the message from producing fruit.



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DISCUSSION QUESTIONS CONTINUED

6. What did the seeds that fell on good soil represent?

- Those seeds represent people who hear about Jesus and He takes root in their hearts. They follow Jesus in their daily lives, and others come to know Him because of their faith.
- Jesus told the story about the seeds to help us understand how people respond when they hear the Good News about Jesus.
- Some people don't understand who Jesus is and don't want to follow Him. The devil uses distractions in the world to quickly snatch away what was planted in their hearts.
- Others hear about Him and respond joyfully, but do not do anything to grow their faith. When trouble comes these people fall back into their old ways.
- Still others hear about Jesus, but earthly worries and the desire for possessions crowd Him out.
- Then there are people who hear about Jesus through the Holy Spirit and God's Truth takes root in their hearts. They follow Jesus every day, and others see their faith and come to know about Jesus.

7. Why did Jesus tell this parable?

- Jesus wants us to hear His words and be the seeds which fell on good soil. We look to the Holy Spirit to guide us in strengthening our faith daily, through the Bible, prayer, fellowship, and Christian community.

PERSONAL QUESTIONS

1. Which type of soil best describes your heart? The path, rocky ground, thorny patch, or good soil?

- If you don't think your heart is like the good soil, invite Jesus into your heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to take root and guide you in your life. Look to surround yourself with Christian community like a Friendship group to help you grow in faith.

2. What can you do to be the seed on good soil?

- This can include studying God's Word, praying daily, going to church and Friendship group, being in Christian community, and telling others about Jesus.