

SUMMER STORIES

The Parables of Jesus



Summer Stories: The Parables of Jesus | Four Soils

When we read or hear Jesus' parable of the four soils, we naturally want to be considered the good soil. Are we? Good soil produces supernatural fruit over time. Are we producing good, supernatural fruit? What is supernatural fruit? If we're not producing this fruit, what does it mean and how do we transform. This may be one of Jesus' most crucial and digging parables and offers us an opportunity to reflect on our lives and those around us.

Discussion Questions:

1. **Read Matthew 13: 1-9 & 18-23.** How did the parable of the 4 soils act as a mirror in your life this week?
 - a. Which soil are you? What makes you think so?
2. Share some fruit of the supernatural seed of the gospel you have experienced in the past couple of years.
 - a. Groups, take some time to share what you've seen in each other.
3. Where do you sense the greatest need for fruit production (spiritual growth) in your life right now?
 - a. Groups, take some time to humbly encourage one another with ways you have experienced growth in the areas others share as a way to offer hope for lasting change.
4. Who in the communities around you will you commit to pray for three times per week to become good soil and for opportunities to plant supernatural seeds? Share with your community group.
5. What's your biggest takeaway from the parables of the mustard seed and leaven?