



CONVERSATION STARTER

When life becomes especially busy, what good habit is usually the first thing to get crowded out?

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Read Matthew 13:1-23, Ezekiel 36:25-27

1. In Jesus' parable, the same seed is scattered everywhere, but it produces very different results depending on the soil. How should this shape our expectations when we share God's Word with others? How might it protect us from either pride or discouragement?
2. The seed along the path represents someone who hears the Word but does not understand it, allowing the evil one to snatch it away. What attitudes or habits can cause someone to hear Scripture without truly engaging with it? How can we help one another listen more carefully?
3. The rocky soil receives the Word immediately and joyfully, but that response does not develop deep roots. Why can an enthusiastic response to Jesus sometimes be mistaken for matur
4. Trouble and persecution expose the lack of roots beneath the rocky soil. When hardship places pressure on our faith, what helps the truth of God's Word become something we depend upon rather than something we abandon?
5. In the thorny soil, the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches gradually choke the Word. How can ordinary concerns—work, finances, family responsibilities, comfort, or success—quietly begin competing with our devotion to Christ?
6. The thorny soil does not openly reject the Word; it simply becomes unfruitful because other things crowd it out. What warning signs might reveal that this is happening in our lives? What changes could help create more room for God's Word to shape us?

7. The good soil hears, understands, and produces fruit, though not everyone produces the same amount. What does this teach us about how spiritual growth may look different from one believer to another? How can we recognize genuine fruit without constantly comparing ourselves with others?
8. Jesus explains that the truths of the kingdom are received only because God gives people “ears to hear.” How should this humble us as believers and shape the way we pray for people who currently seem resistant to the gospel?
9. Each soil warns us about a different danger: hardness, shallowness, divided devotion, or unfruitfulness. Which warning do you most need to take seriously in your present season, and what might faithful repentance look like?

NOTES

PRAYER

Ask God to soften the hardened places in our hearts, deepen our roots in Christ, reveal anything crowding out his Word, and produce lasting fruit in us through his Spirit.