



Wk6: Parable of the Sower

There are times in our lives when things are just not going the way we thought they would or should. Sometimes there are external reasons for this, but the reality is sometimes it is us. We get in our own way. So how do we go about working on the parts that we have some control over? Maybe it starts by taking a look at a story Jesus told.

Discussion Questions

1. Nobody likes to think they are part of their own problems, but the reality is we are 50% of every relationship we are ever in. So even when things aren't all your fault, there's still probably room for improvement. What thing about you seems to get in your way the most?
2. Read Matthew 13:1-9 Who knows anything about farming? Why would someone throw seed in less than ideal soil? What makes some places better than others at producing a crop? What kind of reaction do you think the crowd had to this story?
3. Read Matthew 13:18-23 According to Jesus, who is the farmer? What is the soil? What is the seed?
4. There are 4 types of soil or 4 types of people that Jesus describes. What are the 4 types? Can someone move from one type of soil to become another one, if so what does that take or what does it look like?
5. Read Colossians 1:10 What does a life worthy of the Lord look like? Is this about perfection or process and what's the difference?
6. If there is going to be change in us, how much of it is our responsibility and how much of it is God's? In other words, is it possible to not allow God to work in our lives?

Shaping Your Mind *Matthew 13:23 The one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the one who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*

Moving Forward – "Superficiality is the curse of our age...The desperate need today is not for a greater number of intelligent people, or gifted people, but for deep people." – Richard Foster, *Celebration of Discipline*