



## The Parable of the Soil

**Icebreaker:** Watermelon or Pineapple?

**Read Together:** Matthew 13:1-13 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- What does the scripture for this section say?
- What do you see now that you didn't see when you've read it before?
- What was the Holy Spirit saying to you as you listened to Pastor Jason this week?

**Read Together:** Matthew 13:10-13 (NLT), Matthew 13:18-23 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- What do the scriptures for this section say that you have not seen before?
- Why did Jesus teach in Parables?
- What is the difference between *Hearing* and *Listening*?
- What does all this mean?

**Read Together:** Matthew 13:19 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- What does the scripture for this section say that you have not seen before?
- What is the condition of the soil of your heart?
- Is your heart hard? How does God want to meet you in that hardness?

**Read Together:** Matthew 13:20-21 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- What does the scripture for this section say that you have not seen before?
- Is your heart shallow?
- What causes you to waiver in your faith?

**Read Together:** Matthew 13:22 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- What does the scripture for this section say that you have not seen before?
- Is your heart strangled?

- What is your biggest worry?
- How can you return to peace when you begin to worry?

**Read Together:** Matthew 13:23 (NLT)

**Discuss:**

- What does the scripture for this section say that you have not seen before?
- Is your heart soft?
- Where are you seeing fruit-bearing in and around your life?

**Pray:**

- Ask God to show you the type of soil you have in your heart.
- If you have multiple types of soil in your heart, ask God to show you what is hard and ask Him to bring a softness there.
- Ask God to help your unbelief so He can make changes in the soil of your heart.
- Where there is soft, fertile soil, ask God to bear fruit that will remain to bring Him Glory.