

QUESTIONS FOR STUDY AND DISCUSSION

1. The parable of the sower is one of Christ's best known parables. It is presented in all the Gospels except John. Read through Matthew 13:1-9 and then the explanation of the parable in 18-23. What is the seed that is sown? Give the four types of soil Christ mentions.
2. What is the first type of soil? Have you ever planted on uncultivated ground? What happens to the seed if the ground is not prepared? Read Romans 3:10-12. What does God say about our natural heart before it is made ready by the Holy Spirit? Read 1 Corinthians 2:14. What saving miracle has to occur before we will receive Jesus? Read Ephesians 2:4,5.
3. The second type of soil is seen in verses 5, 20, and 21. What response does this soil have to the seed? Have you ever known someone who professed Christ in this way? What eventually happens to this person's profession? Does this mean that we can lose our salvation. Read Philippians 1:6, Romans 8:28-30 and 1 John 2:18.
4. The third type of soil is the thorny soil. What causes the Gospel to have no root in this person's life? What lessons can we draw from this soil as a warning for our own faith in Christ? How does this soil directly address Matthew 22:37?
5. What does Christ say are the marks of the good soil? When Christ says they hear and understand, whose work of grace is He reminding us of? What would be the response of the truly understanding heart? How would you define faith? Read Ephesians 2:8,9 and John 1:12,13.
6. Consider how you can use the parable of the sower for sharing the Gospel with a friend.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR: Gospel Parables "The Sower" (Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23)

- I. Earthly Story with a Heavenly Meaning
- II. Fruitless Soils
 1. The _____ soil
 1. _____ from the work of God's Holy Spirit we are all _____.
 2. Marks of hard soil
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 - 4.
 2. The _____ soil
 1. There is an _____ response.
 2. This is seen in three stages.
 - 1.
 - 2.
 - 3.
 3. Can we lose our salvation?—1 John 2:18
 3. The _____ soil
 1. Christ plus _____ never equals salvation.
 2. The response is _____.
 3. A _____ of dark thorns.
- III. The Good Soil
 1. A heart that _____.
 2. A heart that _____.
 - 1.
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 - 3.
 3. A heart that _____.
 4. A heart that _____.