

Questions for Discussion and Reflection
Sunday, March 22
Matthew 13:1-23

We've provided these questions to give families or groups (of all ages) and individuals an opportunity to reflect on today's message. We hope you'll use them over lunch or dinner today to consider more fully the teaching of Matthew 13:1-23.

For Families or Groups...

1. In the parable, what is said about the farmer? What is said about the seed? Why do they play such a small role in the teaching of this parable?
2. What is said about the soils? What does each type of soil represent?
3. According to the parable, how will we know if we are good soil or one of the bad soils? What reveals the condition of our own hearts?
4. What does this parable teach us about following Jesus?
5. If we sense that our hearts are "bad soil", how should we respond? If we sense that our hearts are "good soil"?

For Individuals...

1. We become like what we worship. How are the things you delight in and enjoy shaping you - for better or for worse?
2. In general, what soil characteristics do you see in your own life? Where do you see fruit? Where do you see evidence of bad soil?
3. Consider the fruit of good character in your own life. Read over the list of the fruit of the Spirit (see Galatians 5:22-23). What kind of fruit do you most long to see in yourself?