

# Parables | June 6 - 12, 2021

## DISCUSSION GUIDE

### KEY BIBLE PASSAGE: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (ESV)

#### Icebreaker Questions:

- If a friend walked up to you and asked you how to become a Christian, what would you say?
- What is your story of coming to know Jesus?

#### Read Matthew 13:1-9 - The Soils

- How might you describe the crowds following Jesus, what do we know about them?
- What observations can you make about this passage? What stands out to you?
- Having not yet heard the explanation in verses 18-23, what would you be thinking if you were someone in the crowd and you just heard this parable?

#### Read Matthew 13:18-23 - The Sower

- How might you describe the disciples, what do we know about them?
- What observations can you make, or what do you find interesting in this passage?
- What different feelings do you have while reading this?
- Before knowing Jesus, what things in your life may have hardened your heart?
- When have you experienced an attack on your faith? How did it affect your faith?
- Tell a time when you had to deal with suffering or tribulation, how did that affect your faith?
- What pleasures of this world are most difficult for people to give up?
- In verse 22 the scripture says “proves unfruitful”. What is Jesus saying?
- Who are people in your life that you have acted as the sower? Which soil are they?

#### Read James 1:12

- What additional insight does this passage give to this parable?
- How does knowing that trials, tribulation, persecution & temptations are a normal part of the Christian’s experience make you feel?

#### Application

- What wisdom is God giving you from this parable as you take the perspective of being the soil?
- What wisdom is God giving you from this parable as you take the perspective of being a sower?

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