



## Cultivating the Kingdom

Matthew 13: 1-23

1) Harvests happen where seeds are sown.

2) Harvests happen in fertile soil.

Hard soil: Easy pickins for the enemy.

Shallow soil: Quick growth – no stamina.

Occupied soil: Stunted by competing demands.

Fertile soil: All resources focused on fruit.

3) The fruit of the harvest is a kingdom life.

- Devotion to the King.
- Transformation by the King.
- On mission with the King.

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# REALife Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or REALife Group.

- 1) Read the parable of the sower in Matthew 13:1-9. Look at the disciples' reaction in verse 10, and Jesus' explanation in verses 11-17. What application do you draw from Jesus' words.
- 2) Examine the four types of soil in the parable and the fruit each produced. Which type of soil do you relate to and why?
- 3) At this point in your life, do you see your relationship with Jesus primarily as a passage to heaven or a path of life to live? Explain.
- 4) Look at the three aspects of a kingdom life. What is taking shape in your life in each area?



## Memory Verse

### Matthew 13:23

“But the one who received the seed that fell on good soil is the man who hears the word and understands it. He produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.”