



***We glorify God by proclaiming the gospel, making disciples,
and treasuring Christ above all.***

Text: Luke 8:4-15 Preacher: Luke Dufek Sermon Date: 1/10/21

Title: The Seed and the Soils

Begin by asking God to bless your group's discussion and to help you apply his word to your lives.

Read Luke 8:4-15. Why does Jesus say he uses parables? How is the word of God like a seed?

*"We should say to ourselves, as we read it, this concerns me.
My heart is seen in this parable. I, too, am here." -J.C. Ryle*

How does this parable apply to the non-Christian? How does it apply to a Christian hearing or reading God's word?

Discuss the first three types of soils. Share some examples of people from scripture, church history, or personal experience who would fit into each of the first three types of soils in the parable.

If spiritual understanding is a gift from God (and it is), why should we pray, evangelize, teach, preach and study the Bible? How can this parable help you follow Christ and/or as you share God's word with others?

How can we best hold fast to God's word with an honest and good heart? What does this look like? And What does it mean to bear fruit with patience?

How should we then live? (These are suggestions to help you apply God's Word this week).

Last week, we were encouraged to find a Bible reading plan and remain faithful to reading God's Word throughout the coming year. Often though, it can be easy to get discouraged or quit when we get behind or we aren't disciplined in our Bible reading. Use this week to encourage your fellow CG members to remain diligent in their Bible reading. Confess to your group if you are struggling in this area and ask them to hold you accountable.

Close in prayer by asking God for joy in Christ for you, your community group and your church family.