“GOOD SOIL”

Luke 8:4–21

Key Verse: 8:15

1. What is the context (4)? In this parable, how does Jesus describe the sower’s work, and what accounts for the differing results (5–8a)? How do you think ordinary people would react to this? How does Jesus conclude, and why (8b)?
2. How are his disciples different from the crowd, and why (9–10)? How does Jesus begin to explain (11)? In what sense is God’s word like “seed”?
3. What does it mean to be like those “along the path,” and what is the devil’s role in this (12)? To be like those “on the rock” (13)? “Among the thorns” (14)? Read verse 15. What makes the “good soil” different, and what is Jesus teaching us here?
4. In his next parable, what is the purpose of a lamp, and how does this show us another aspect of God’s word (16–17)? What does he mean by “how [we] hear,” and why is this important (18)?
5. How does the final event conclude, and what is Jesus teaching us here (19–21)?