

QUESTIONS

Day 1 - Review

1. What benefited you the most from reading the commentary notes?
2. What helped you most from listening to the lecture?

Day 2 - Matthew 13:1-9

3. From where did Jesus speak to the crowd and why was it necessary he speak from there?
4. What was the farmer (sower's) job in the parable and identify the 4 types of soils mentioned?
5. Identify what prevented the seeds from producing a crop and explain why it's important that seeds and us produce. (Note: Use John 15:8 to help you answer this question.)
6. ? Personal Question: Write down 2 or 3 examples of your life figuratively producing a crop. (Note: Use Galatians 5:22-23, Galatians 6:7-10, Matthew 28:19-20 to help you answer this question.)

Day 3 - Matthew 13:10-17

7. What did the disciples ask Jesus in verse 10?
8. ? Thought Question: Explain what you think Jesus meant in verses 11 & 12.
9. ? Thought Question: Using verses 13-15, who do you think Jesus is accusing of having calloused hearts, closed eyes and deaf ears?

10. ? Personal Question: List what parts of God's Word to which you have closed your eyes, deafened your ears, and calloused your heart?

Day 4 - Matthew 13:18-23

11. Using Luke's account of this same parable, recorded in Luke 8:5-15, what does Luke say the seed represents in Luke 8:11?
12. Using Matthew 13:18-23, identify what each of the following represent in the parable:
- a. What is being symbolized by the birds eating the seed, according to verse 19?
 - b. What is being symbolized by the plants being scorched by the sun, according to verses 20 & 21?
 - c. What is being symbolized by the plants that were choked by the thorns, according to verse 22?
 - d. Why does the "good soil" man produce a crop, according to verse 23?
13. ? Personal Question: With which soil type do you most identify and why?

Day 5 – Selected Cross References

14. What do you learn about the "hard" heart from the following cross references?

Proverbs 28:14-

Romans 2:5-

2 Corinthians 4:4-

15. What do you learn about the “shallow” heart from the following cross references?

Luke 6:46-49-

John 6:60-66-

Ephesians 4:14-15-

16. What do you learn about the “crowded” heart from the following cross references?

Psalm 39:6-

Luke 10:38-41-

Luke 21:34-

17. What do you learn about the “fertile” heart from the following cross references?

Proverbs 20:12-

1 Thessalonians 2:13-

John 1:12-

18. ? Personal Question: What is one takeaway that you can apply to your own life, from the cross references in today’s lesson?

Day 6 – Matthew 13:1-23

19. ? Personal Question: What about your faith is calloused?

20. ? Personal Question: What about your faith is shallow?

21. ? Personal Question: What about your faith is crowded?

22. ? Personal Question: What is your main takeaway from this parable?