

Luke 8:5-15 The Parable of the Good Soil, and the Other Soils

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- Read: Luke 8:5-15
- 1 There's the hard heart of the soil of the path → Think of the path as well-worn ground, packed down... It's a hard, callous, and unyielding.
- 2 There's the shallow mind of the soil of the rocky ground → rocks leave no room for root. Real discipleship can begin, but it just doesn't sink into the heart. Then challenge, difficulty, testing... No maturing and no fruit.
- 3 There's the preoccupied life of the thorny soil → Too much Competition from worries and anxieties over the loss of something, or the relentless pursuit of riches, wealth, and stuff, and exchanging everything for pleasure in the short term
- Then there's the Good Soil
- **1**→ Broadly, how do we cultivate a life of Good Soil? (This question could fill the entire time.)
 - the following made add to the discussion or help shape the answers in (1) —

Hearing

Retaining

Persevering

- **2**→ What are real life examples of these?
- **3**→ Why do these make a difference?
- **4** → Should we add any more to this list or did Jesus cover them all?
- **5**→ What about them IS THE GOOD of the soil?