

GG Questions | What Soil Are You Pt 1

Luke 8.4-10

Read Luke 8.4-15

Select among the following questions those most helpful to you:

1. How does this passage connect to what we saw earlier in Luke 8:1-3 about Jesus' ministry? Why might large crowds gather around Jesus—and why does that not necessarily indicate true spiritual success?
2. The sermon highlighted a paradox: many hear, but few are transformed. Where else do we see this principle in Scripture (e.g., Matthew 7:13-14)? Why is this still true today?
3. In verses 9-10, Jesus says parables both reveal and conceal truth. How does Jesus' quote from Isaiah 6:9-10 help explain this? What does this teach us about God's judgment and human responsibility?
4. Why do the disciples receive further explanation while the crowds do not? What does this teach us about the difference between curiosity and genuine spiritual hunger?
5. Even though the interpretation comes later (v. 11-15), based on verses 4-8 alone: What might the different soils represent about human hearts? Which soil might seem most dangerous—and why?

6. Jesus repeatedly says, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." What is the difference between physically hearing truth and spiritually receiving it? What habits help cultivate true listening to God's Word?
7. How does this passage shape the way we think about evangelism? If the issue is ultimately the heart (soil), how should that affect our expectations when sharing the gospel? How does this connect with Romans 10:17?
8. Which "soil condition" do you most tend toward in your daily walk (hard, shallow, distracted, or receptive)? What specific factors in your life contribute to that condition?
9. In today's culture (social media, constant noise, entertainment), how are people especially prone to becoming: Hard soil? Shallow soil? Thorny (impure) soil? What are practical ways Christians can resist these influences?
10. The sermon emphasized that one of the most terrifying judgments is God "giving people over" to their own desires (cf. Lamentations 3:64-65). Have you ever seen this play out in someone's life—or even your own? How should this reality affect how urgently we pursue God and respond to His Word?