

A Fruitful Life
Matthew 13:1-23

Sermon Discussion Questions
May 14, 2023

1. What is your favorite parable in the Bible? And why?
2. Do you have any experience with gardening or farming? How does this affect your thinking about the work it takes to produce good fruit in your life?
3. Have you ever considered the seed in this parable to be the message that God is speaking to you today in your circumstances? Does this change the reading of this scripture for you today?
4. What do you think you correspond to among the four soils in the parable of the sower? And why? Which soil will you be as you consider what God is speaking to you and asking you to implement in your life?
5. Where do you see and/or experience the most fruit in your life or during serving at the church? Have you experienced opposition in these areas or found it difficult to continue to be good soil?
6. What circumstances and seasons has God used in your life to grow strong roots? How can this change the way you mentally approach opposition and hardship?
7. What has been the greatest source of distraction in your relationship with God? This does not have to be a material thing. Anything that takes our focus off of Christ is a distraction. This could be fear in a particular area, how we view our time, how we were raised or sin in our life. What steps can you take to set aside distractions and focus on the Lord?
8. Are you discouraged by the slow growth of character in your life? Can you look back over your life and walk with Christ and see growth even when you could not at the time? How does this encourage you to continue to work to produce good fruit in your life?
9. How can we participate in planting seeds for others? How does this look as a parent? As a leader in the workplace? As a mentor? As a small group or bible study leader?