

Potential Growth Discussion Guide

Lesson 4 - Good

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This study guide is based on the message that is available on YouTube.

Opening Discussion: Share your favorite fruit and how you prefer to eat it.

Dive Deeper:

1. Read Matthew 13:1-23. The Parable of the Four Soils represents the various conditions of one's heart and how an individual might respond to God's message. What does a heart of good soil represent in verse 23?
2. Read Matthew 6:33, Luke 9:23 and Proverbs 3:6. Discuss various ways we can develop good soil quality. Why is a believer's soil quality a choice? If a believer chooses not to cultivate their soil/heart, what amount of fruit will be produced?
3. Read John 15:1-8. What does good soil have the potential to produce? When believers produce much fruit, what does it prove? What does a believer's fruit offer the Lord? Discuss the results of those who do not produce fruit.
4. Read James 2:14-17. Discuss why believers may not take action upon their faith and produce fruit. How can followers of Christ take action and produce fruit?
5. Read Matthew 13:23 and discuss what factors produce different yields of thirty, sixty or a hundred times more than what was sown. Why is it important to generously sow God's seed? Share who God used to sow seed into your life.
6. In what areas of your life do you need to invite the Holy Spirit to cultivate, which will allow you to bear more fruit? How can you sow more seeds of God's truth to those around you?

Encouragement: Sow generously and invite God to continually tend to your heart.

"But blessed are those who trust in the LORD and have made the LORD their hope and confidence. They are like trees planted along a riverbank, with roots that reach deep into the water. Such trees are not bothered by the heat or worried by long months of drought. Their leaves stay green, and they never stop producing fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8