

**SEEDS**  
SOIL for the SOUL

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## **Jesus' PARADIGM of SALVATION**

Jesus teaches us through a parable that four different soils exist when discussing the salvation of our soul. The first three soils describe a nonbeliever while the last soil describes a true believer.

### **SOIL #1 – THE BIRDS**

\_\_\_\_\_ immediately snatches the gospel \_\_\_\_\_.

### **SOIL #2 – THE ROCKS**

\_\_\_\_\_ rocks our world because we lack  
\_\_\_\_\_

### **SOIL #3 – THE THORNS**

\_\_\_\_\_ cokes the life out of our ability to bear  
\_\_\_\_\_.

### **SOIL #4 – THE GOOD SOIL**

Genuine believers grow \_\_\_\_\_ and produce  
\_\_\_\_\_.

If you nourish the \_\_\_\_\_, you'll enjoy the \_\_\_\_\_.

# Discussion Questions

## Getting Started

1. Do you know anyone who could be described in the first three soils? Do you know someone who is a skeptic and seems to lack any hint of faith? Have you seen someone appear to accept Christ as their Savior, but then either troubles or worry of the world makes them fall away? How does understanding the four soils help your paradigm of salvation?

## Digging Deeper

2. Read Job 14:7-9. Even when the tree is cut down, there is hope when the roots are still healthy for regrowth to happen. Are you waiting to grow again after a destructive season?

3. Read Jeremiah 17:7-8. He who trusts in the Lord is like a tree planted by water. In what ways can you trust God so that you can drink the kind of water that produces fruit in your life?

4. Read Matthew 3:10; Luke 3:9; Proverbs 12:12; Jude 1:12. Meditate on the seriousness of bearing fruit.

5. Read James 5:7; Galatians 6:9. It takes time to produce fruit. What are you waiting on in your life? How are you showing the Lord that you are patiently holding onto his promises?

## Applying the Word to Life

6. How are you cultivating deep spiritual roots in your life? Are you daily spending time in God's word and in prayer? Are you in fellowship with other believers? Do you weekly gather for corporate worship? Is there an area that you will commit to developing further this week?

7. Take time to examine your fruit this week. Do you have inner peace? Are you kind with your words? Does goodness flow from your heart? Would someone describe you as joyful?