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MESSAGE REVIEW

In the parable of the sower, Jesus used something His audience would have been culturally familiar with – agriculture – to connect with their hearts. If the seed is God’s Word and the soil is our hearts, what type of soil is God’s Word finding in your heart? Hard? Shallow? Distracted? Or is it the last type of soil Jesus mentions, the good soil – people who hear God’s Word, cling to it, and then patiently produce a harvest? Through His life, Jesus showed us the way to create a sustainable and consistent environment for growth in our own hearts. God will grow the harvest. Our only job is to plant and be faithful. To be present, patient, and persistent.

WARM UP QUESTION

What TV show has taught you any recent life lessons?

- 1** **Read Luke 8:11-15.** As we take a look at the last type of soil this week, notice the words Jesus uses to describe the people who represent the good soil. What three things do they do with God’s Word that make them this way (look up these words in a few different versions)?
- 2** What do you think it means to cling to God’s Word? How do you do that in your own life? How does hearing it first lead to this type of response? **Read Luke 8:16-18** for more on how to hear God’s Word. What should it do in our lives when we truly hear it?
- 3** How did Kyle’s description of the type of harvest God wants to produce in good soil (who we’re becoming, loving Jesus more, etc.) compare to your own views of harvest? What are some things God has dug out of your heart that have helped to cultivate and till the soil there? What work still needs to be done?
- 4** Does Jesus give step-by-step instructions on how to produce good soil? How did His life model the “how” (**read Luke 5:16**)? What words are significant to you in this verse? How does it show Jesus’ presence, patience, and persistence?
- 5** Which one of these three is God asking you to take more seriously – being more fully present with Him (Is there anything that needs to go for this to happen?), being patient with the process of growing deep roots, or being persistent with spiritual disciplines and rhythms in spite of difficulty?

RESPOND

What have you learned about God from His Word? How is He asking you to apply it to your life? When will you apply it?

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