

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion**  
**Matthew 13:1-23**

**Getting Started**

What crops have you grown? How did you sow the seed?



**Digging In**

1. Read Matthew 13:1-9. Describe the setting.
2. Describe the four places on which the seed fell, and the results.

Place

Result

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3. Read Matthew 13:10-17. Why did Jesus speak in parables?

4. Read Matthew 13:18-23. Consider each of the four responses.

- *seed sown along the path* – Why doesn't this person respond to the *message about the kingdom*?
- *seed sown on rocky places* – How does this person initially respond? Why doesn't he bear fruit?
- *seed sown among thorns* – What is the problem in this case?
  - Give some examples of *the worries of this life* and *the deceitfulness of wealth*.
  - In what sense is wealth deceitful?
- *seed sown on good soil* – How does this person demonstrate genuine responsiveness to God's word?

**Getting Personal**

- Are the *worries of this life* and *the deceitfulness of wealth* hindering your growth?
- What steps are you taking to hear, understand, and respond to God's word?