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“**Soul Soil”**

Matthew 13:1-23

1. **Read Matthew 13:10-12.** What do you make of this passage? How does it square with the image of the “message about the kingdom” (13:19) being like a farmer scattering seed?
2. **Read Matthew 13:18-19.** In your experience, have there ever been things that hardened your heart towards God?
3. **Read Matthew 13:22.** How do worry and wealth interfere with our relationship with God?
4. Jesus defines “good soil” as understanding the word of God (13:23). How can we cultivate such “soil” in our daily lives?