



Family Talk

Is Jesus the ONE?

Read: Luke 8:4-15

Summary: Jesus uses this parable to show how people react differently to the Word of God. As a family lets look at this parable and evaluate these various soil types of the heart. (Below are a few questions to answer and discuss)

1. Why did the seed not grow well in the hard soil person?
 - a. Because it was trampled on by foot and eaten by birds, meaning Satan snatched the Word away from their hearts.
 - b. What are things that can cause our hearts to grow hard towards God's Word?
 - i. Apathy, busyness, worldly influence that effects our thinking, etc.
2. What happened to the seed when it fell on the rocky soil person?
 - a. It rejoiced at first but faded a way when life got tough because it had no roots.
 - b. How can we grow deep roots of love and devotion towards Christ?
 - i. Reading and meditating on His Word, praying, serving, loving the body, etc.
3. Why did the seed in the thorny soil person not survive?
 - a. Because the cares of this world choked it out.
 - b. What are some potential thorns in your life that could become more important then Christ to you?
4. What did the person with good soil do when they heard the Word of God?
 - a. Held it fast and produced fruit with patience.
 - b. It was discussed in service that the phase "hold fast" means to "possess something". Meaning the good soil person didn't just "profess" faith in Christ, but also "possessed" faith in Christ! Discuss as a family the difference between professing faith only, verses professing and possessing faith in Christ.
5. Personal reflection question: How are you responding to the Word of God?
 - a. Are you holding it fast and producing fruit, or has your heart became hard, rocky, or thorny? If your answer is negative, how can you change?

