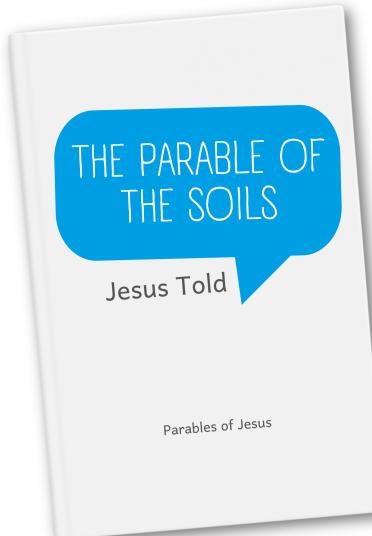


Questions

1. What are some "when" or "how long" questions you've been asking in recent days? Can you think of any Bible passages in which God's people find themselves waiting on God's timing?
2. As you look to the future and think about living as a citizen of Christ's kingdom in an increasingly wicked world, are you ever discouraged or anxious?
3. The parable of the soils describes four different ways that people may respond to the proclamation of Jesus Christ. Summarize those four responses.
4. How does the Parable of the Soils challenge you in terms of sowing Christ's gospel? What steps could you take to grow as one who sows generously?
5. What is one specific challenge or pressure you face living as a citizen of God's kingdom in the midst of a deceptive and evil world? What are steps you can take to live faithfully despite that challenge?
6. Summarize the meaning of the Parables of the Mustard Seed and Leaven. How do those parables help you in your daily living?



Matthew 13:3-9; 18-33; 36-43

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In Matthew 13, we'll read four parables that hold three lessons for followers of Jesus about living as citizens of His kingdom in the midst of an evil world, while we wait for Jesus to return.

As Jesus proclaimed the coming of God's kingdom, His disciples struggled to understand when that kingdom would be seen in all its power and glory. When will Jesus' power be seen in a way that there will be no room for rejection?

*After each service, if you need prayer,
someone will be available up front to pray with you.*

1. The Parable of the Soils (13:3-9; 18-23)

Application: Live Faithfully

Application: Sow Generously

3. The Parables of the Mustard Seed and Leaven (13:31-33)

2. The Parable of the Wheat and Weeds (13:24-30; 36-43)

Application: Believe Boldly