



The Way of Jesus

Week 4: The Way to Grow

CCV Groups Discussion Guide

OPENING QUESTION:

Share with the group about when you gave your life to Jesus. What kind of soil was your heart at the time?

GROUPS [VIDEO GUIDE](#)

READ IT AGAIN:

- [Matthew 13:1-23](#), [Luke 8:11-15](#)

DISCUSS:

- What is that last plant you tried to grow? How did it go?
- After reading the parable again, share a person who is important to you who is *not* fertile soil. What kind of soil are they?
- Which of the first three soils are you closest to: path, thorns, rocky. This may be where you had come from or perhaps where you might still partially be.
- What are some strategies we could use to move from the soil you were toward being fertile soil. What's worked for you in the past? You may want to focus on what needs to be removed from the soil to make it fertile.
- What advise was shared by the group in the last question that you could apply to the person you care about to help them become fertile soil?

PRAYER:

Take a moment of silence for each person to pray for the Lord to make them more fertile soil. Have someone close for the whole group by praying that all would become more fruitful for Christ.

SCRIPTURES:

- [Matthew 6:19–21](#), “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and

where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

- **Proverbs 11:28**, “Those who trust in their riches will fall, but the righteous will thrive like a green leaf.”
- **Proverbs 3:5**, “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.”
- **Isaiah 55:6–8**, “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call on him while he is near. Let the wicked forsake their ways and the unrighteous their thoughts. Let them turn to the LORD, and he will have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will freely pardon. ‘For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways,’ declares the LORD.”
- **Romans 12:2**, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
- **Psalms 51:10**, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
- **Luke 21:34**, “Be careful, or your heart will be weighed down with carousing, drunkenness and the anxieties of life, and that day will close on you suddenly like a trap.”
- **Matthew 6:24**, “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”
- **Matthew 25:15–17**, “To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more.”

