

# LIFEGROUP

## STUDY ON KNOW THE KINGDOM

1. Discuss this quote from Stephen Covey: "Most people do not listen with the intent to understand; they listen with the intent to reply."

### Read Matthew 13:10-17

1. What are the secrets of the kingdom of heaven? Do you know what they are?
2. Jesus quotes the prophet Isaiah in verse 14, 15. Do you think what he says is true today? What are some the reasons people's hearts are dull, etc. Do you think you fall prey to the same things that "dull" the world?
3. How do you have eyes that see and ears that hear?

### Read Matthew 13:18-23 (you can read verses 1-13 for the parable if you like)

A quick summary:

1. **Footpath** – Hear, but don't understand. Rather, don't care to understand. They don't understand that it's important.
2. **Rocky Soil** – Hear, and receive it with joy! But they don't have deep roots. Problems come, or persecution and they fall away
3. **Thorns** – Hear, but message crowded out by the worries of life, money, and no fruit
4. **Good Soil** – truly hear, understand, and produce a massive harvest.

1. What is the seed that's being planted?
2. What do you think a massive harvest is? Is your life producing a massive harvest? Why not?
3. Are there specific areas in your life that feel like certain types of soil?
4. What are some of the worries that prevent parts of your heart from receiving the word?
5. Which one of these soils is clearest in your life?
6. How do you change the footpath, rocky, or thorny soil into good soil?

### Pray

Ask God to explain his Word to your heart.

Ask God to give you understanding.

Ask God to let it have deep roots.

Ask God to bear fruit.

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