

**Parable of the Soils**  
**Luke 8:1-15**  
**LG Questions for 01/17/10**

**Getting Started**

Why do you suppose Jesus taught some of his most significant principals in the form of parables?

**Getting Into the Bible**

1) Read **Luke 8:4-8**. Why would a farmer allow precious seed to land on the path, or rocks, or among thorns? Is he an irresponsible farmer scattering seeds at random? What happened to each group of seeds? How did Jesus conclude his parable? (8:8)

2) Read **Luke 8:9-10**. How much of the parable did the people understand? How much did the disciples understand? Why didn't the people or the disciples understand this parable? (See **Isaiah 6:9**) Why do some listeners discover the truth in a parable and others do not?

3) Read **Luke 8:12**. Who might these people described by Jesus represent today? Read **Luke 8:13**. Why couldn't those who received the word with joy stay faithful? Read **Luke 8:14**. What choked those who were represented by the seed that fell among the thorns? Which situation best describes your current struggle in life?

4) Read **Luke 8:15**. What is needed in order to produce a good crop in the Christians walk with Jesus? Why is perseverance a key ingredient for those who receive the Word of God?

**Discussion:**

In what ways does this section of scripture challenge or encourage you? Pray for each other's needs...especially specific needs for perseverance.