

Community Group Discussion Guide

Sunday, May 28, 2023

Scripture: Luke 8:4-15



THIS WEEK'S FOCUS

We are imperfect people who are spreading a perfect gospel, and it can produce life because we have a perfect God doing the work.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION *(Use along with Reading: Ante Faciem Dei)*

- Who is the one that “has ears to hear” (Isaiah 6:9-10)? What are parables, and how does Jesus use them?
- What is the seed that the Sower sows (verse 11)? Why doesn't Jesus identify the Sower?
- What does the *footpath* illustrate (verse 12)?
 - What battle occurs while the gospel is proclaimed (Ephesians 6)?
 - In what ways do we give too much credit or too little credit to Satan (1 Peter 5:8)?
- How does Jesus define the *rocky soil* (verse 13)?
 - Is God moving you to pray for someone you know that has abandoned Christ amidst hardship?
- What does the thorny soil represent (verse 14)?
 - What are the three characteristics of this type of soil?
 - Do you struggle with worrying about circumstances or your reputation (Philippians 4:4-7)?
 - Why are we, at times, drawn to the accumulation of wealth over cultivating godliness in Christ (Mark 10:21-22)?
 - How do we avoid pursuing worldly pleasures over the call of the gospel (Psalm 16:11)?
- What does the *fertile soil* represent (verse 15)?
 - How does one become good soil (Ephesians 2:1-10)?
 - How do we bear fruit/cultivate spiritual growth (1 Corinthians 1:4-8; Galatians 5:22-25)?
 - Share some ways God has transformed you by his grace and through His Spirit.