

STORIES THAT DRAW US DEEPER

Discussion Questions

May 24, 2026

Soil, Seeds, and Sowers

1. Take some time to share how you experienced the “Philippians 4:8” practice from last week. How did it impact your daily life and where did it lead you?
2. What impacted you most during the service as a whole this past Sunday? How would you describe what you experienced? In what ways did you experience encouragement and in what ways discomfort?
3. Read the Parable of the Sower in Matthew 13:1-23. Discuss each of the soil types and what they might represent in our culture? Which of them seems especially applicable for you personally?
4. Why do you think the disciples don’t understand the parable? What do they seem to be missing? How could this parable help us become more aware of what we might be missing too?
5. In the message on Sunday, we considered how in this parable:
 - We could be the soil (and can receive the good news)
 - We could be the seed (and can be the good news)
 - We could be the sower (and can share the good news)Discuss how each of these resonates with you, how they might apply to you, and what challenges they present?
6. Share how and where you sense you are being “scattered” into the world at the moment. What do you sense God calling you to? What would growth of this seed look like in your location? After sharing, take some time to pray for one another about this.

Prayer Practice for the week:

Take a few minutes at the start of the day to center yourself in God’s love. Breathe in God’s Spirit and as you breathe out be conscious that you can be the good news in each situation you go into. As you go about life today, try to return to this consciousness in each moment.

Take a walk, as you are able, in an area where things are growing. The Cedar Ridge property could be an ideal place for this. Walk slowly and mindfully, paying attention with all your senses. Stop at a place where the ground is hard, impacted, or worn down. Next find a location where the ground is rocky or gravelly. Then find a spot with lots of weeds surrounding flowers or vines growing over trees. In all these places take a moment to reflect on what might be inhibiting growth in your own life. Finally, find a location where the natural growth seems lush, beautiful, and attractive to you. Spend some there reflecting on ways you have grown positively in your own life. Celebrate them and give thanks.