

Recognizing the Receptive

Series - Red: *Discovering the Teaching of Jesus*
 – Matthew 13:1-23 –

1. The Context of the Parable

2. The Content of the Parable

A. *The Hard Soil:* _____

B. *The Rocky Soil:* _____

C. *The Crowded Soil:* _____

D. *The Good Soil:* _____

WHICH SOIL DESCRIBES YOUR HEART?

Application Questions. . .

1. What especially spoke to you in this message?
2. When did you first begin to feel that you really understood Scriptures (had ears to hear)?
3. Jesus warns us about the trials, traps, and indifference that face us in the world. How do you identify the rocks, sun, birds and thorns that challenge the Word in your heart?
4. Does the thought of different soils challenge your ideas of salvation and redemption?
5. What is the goal of the Evil One in this passage? What tactics does he use to prevent us from hearing and responding to God's Word (2 Cor. 2:11)?
6. Looking at today, what are the biggest thorns that people face in the third soil? Talk about the thorns in your life and how the Lord helped you get rid of them.
7. What kind of heart do you have? What do you think Jesus would like you to do in response to this parable?

