



VALLEY REAL LIFE

Parable of the soils.

Last Week

Was there anything about the But God series that you reflected on this past week?

Opener

What's one of the best stories you've ever heard, and why did it leave an impact on you?

Questions

Why do you think Jesus chose to use parables to convey his messages? How does storytelling help you understand complex spiritual truths?

How do you relate to the different types of soil mentioned in the parable? Can you recall times in your life when you've been each type?

In what ways might the worries of life and the pursuit of wealth be crowding out your faith? How can you refocus on what truly matters?

Have you ever experienced spiritual burnout? Why do you think this happens?

What do you think it means to truly hear and understand God's word? What steps can you take to develop deeper roots in your faith?

Scripture Discovery:

Have yourself, another group member, or all group members read the following Scripture out loud

Matthew 13:10-13 (NLT)

His disciples came and asked him, "Why do you use parables when you talk to the people?" He replied, "You are permitted to understand the secrets of the Kingdom of Heaven, but others are not. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given, and they will have an abundance of knowledge. But for those who are not listening, even what little understanding they have will be taken away from them. That is why I use these parables.

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about people?
- How do you need to apply this passage to your life?
- And who are you going to tell?

Pray