

MOOREBANK – HAMMONDVILLE ANGLICAN CHURCHES

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION OR REFLECTION

Four soils

1. Take a few minutes to list all the parables that Jesus told that you can remember.
2. Why did Jesus speak in parables? How do they reveal the kingdom and conceal the kingdom at the same time? How does this relate to the attitude of our hearts in listening?
3. Each type of soil reflects the human heart. Can our hearts change? What in this passage suggests that Jesus tells this parable as an invitation to change?
4. Think and reflect on the four soil types:
 - a. Seed that fell on the path. The Scriptures warn against become 'hard hearted' like the path has been hardened (psalm 95). Is there some biblical truth in your life that you have dismissed or hardened your heart against? Ask 'Lord, what truths am I hesitant to consider? Why am I hesitant to consider this idea?'
 - b. Seed that fell on the rock. What is the problem for this soil? What is lacking? Read Colossians 2:6-7, psalm 1. How can you prepare now to be ready for the time of testing when it comes?
 - c. Seed that fell amongst thorns. What three concerns does Jesus specifically identify in 8:14? How would you know if your life was being choked? Ask 'where am I off course now and needing re-alignment, Lord?'
 - d. Good soil. What are the three keys that Jesus identifies as necessary to be good soil? How can you cultivate these this year?
 - i.
 - ii.
 - iii.
5. Read the next two chapters of Luke. How do these give you confidence that Jesus is able to give all that is necessary to those who come to him?