

MATTHEW

July 31, 2022

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QUESTIONS for REFLECTION

1. Consider, first, Jesus' rationale for teaching in parables in vv. 10-17. Why, or how, are some granted to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven and some are not granted this knowledge? (What is the difference between the two groups?) What part do parables play?

2. Identify the seed that is sown (vv. 19, 20, 22, 23).

3. Identify what the different kinds of ground/soil represent (vv. 20, 23).

4. What is represented by the ground beside the road (v. 19)?

What is the status of this person/heart (c.f., v. 15)?

5. What is represented by the rocky places (vv. 20-21)?

What is the status of this person/heart?

6. What is represented by the thorny area (v. 22)?

What is the status of this person/heart?

7. What is represented by the good soil (v. 23)?

What is the status of this person/heart (c.f., vv. 12, 16)?

What are we to surmise about bringing forth fruit?

8. Which is the only soil/heart commended by Jesus? What does this suggest?

PERSONAL RESPONSE

I will hear with my ears this week by . . .

I will see with my eyes this week by . . .

I will cultivate my field this week by . . .