

Use the following thoughts and questions to have a spiritual conversation as a family. Don't emphasize having the right answer, but focus on spending time discussing the Word as a family.

Scripture

Matthew 13:1-9,31-33,44-46

Session Summary

All three parables are given to teach principles centered around the kingdom. The first is incredibly crucial and unique in that it teaches that while reception to the gospel depends on the quality of the heart—the nature of the soil—the sower has no way of knowing which hearts will be receptive and which ones won't. Through the double imagery of the mustard seed and leaven in the second parable, Jesus was teaching that the growth of the kingdom will, in the end, seem utterly unlikely and impossible. In the final parable, we discover that true joy, true eternal riches are only found in Christ and His kingdom.

Conversation Questions

- What does it look like for our family to prioritize the kingdom of God?
- Why is it important to remember that the Sower (God) brings growth to the gospel seeds we plant?
- How has God used our family in an unlikely way to further His kingdom?
- What earthly pursuits are getting in the way of our family pursuing God and His kingdom?

Family Challenge

Find a nearby trail or walking path for a family hike. It doesn't have to be a long journey outdoors, but spend some time together to spot the three different types of soil mentioned in the parable—rocky soil, soil with thorns, good soils. Discuss what would happen if seeds were to fall upon each type of soil and what that looks like for us spiritually.