

# THE LIFE OF JESUS

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Receptivity  
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## ► Discussion Guide

Use this guide to deepen your faith and stir meaningful conversations with friends and family. Find a Small Group at [brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups](http://brookwoodchurch.org/smallgroups).  
*Let's do life together!*

### Opening

If you've ever had a fruit, vegetable, or plant garden name some of the reasons it either did great or failed miserably.

### Personal Reflection/Group Discussion

Read [Matthew 13:3-9](#) (Reading #66 in *The Life of Jesus*).

1. Fill in this chart to help you see the differences between the four types of soil:

WHERE DID THE SEEDS FALL?	HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS SOIL?	WHAT HAPPENED?	WHY?
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			

Read [Matthew 13:18-23](#) (Reading #68 in *The Life of Jesus*).

2. Who does the farmer represent?
3. What does the seed represent?
4. What does the soil represent?
5. Describe the four types of people represented by the soils.
6. A thousand people can hear a sermon or read the bible, but not everyone is impacted and changed. What makes the difference?
7. If a person realizes the soil of his heart is not promoting growth or producing fruit, what is necessary for change? *Be specific and practical.*
8. Can you identify a season in your life when the soil of your heart was not good and fertile? What was that like?
9. What is one change you can make in your life to *become good soil*?

### Soul Training

Read the bible every day this week. Before reading, spend a few moments in silence. Ask God to soften your heart and help you hear His voice as you read.

### Memory Verse

*But the one sown on the good ground — this is one who hears and understands the word, who does bear fruit and yields: some 100, some 60, some 30 times what was sown.*

[Matthew 13:23 \(HCSB\)](#)

### Daily Reading

Day	<i>The Life of Jesus</i> Reading #	or	Bible Reference
Mar 20	67		<a href="#">Matthew 13:10-17</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 4:11-12</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 8:10</a>
Mar 21	68		<a href="#">Matthew 13:18-23</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 4:10, 13-20</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 8:9-15</a>
Mar 22	69		<a href="#">Mark 4:21-25</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 8:16-18</a>
Mar 23	70-71		<a href="#">Mark 4:26-29</a> ; <a href="#">Matthew 13:24-30</a>
Mar 24	72		<a href="#">Matthew 13:31-35</a> ; <a href="#">Mark 4:30-34</a> ; <a href="#">Luke 13:18-21</a>

### Prepare for Next Sunday

On Sunday, March 26, we'll take a look at fear, faith and the power of God as *Jesus Stills the Storm*. Read [Mark 4:35-41](#) (Reading #78 in *The Life of Jesus*).

