



## Talk it Over | Week of 12.1.13 | Seeds & Ground

Talking through the message during the week and in the Life Group context helps you turn what God is saying to you into action steps. These discussion points, questions, and scriptures are designed to help you take the next step. If you're leading a group through this guide, don't feel like you have to answer every question. Pick out those questions that will stir up conversation and action among your group.

**Opener:** What's your favorite vegetable? Least favorite? Why?

**Read Matthew 13:3-9, 18-23, Isaiah 37:31, I Peter 1:23, Phil 2:12-13, Prov 4:23**

1. What stands out to you about this parable?
2. Why do you think Jesus says "he that has ears, let him hear!"? How does our hearing relate to the word bringing fruit in our lives.
3. Salvation is instant, and working it out is a process. Discuss this tension. What does this look like in your life?
4. Where have you seen fruit of God's word in your life? Share examples and testimonies.
5. According to Phil 1:29, why do we need to settle in our hearts to allow trials to deepen our roots in Christ Jesus.
6. The three types of ground that lead to fruitlessness are a) the Wayside (surface, not embracing word), b) Rocky Soil (shallow, no roots for seed), and c) Thorny ground (anxieties, wanting it all but never having enough).
  - Every believer probably wrestles with all three of these areas at some point.
  - Do you relate to any of these right now?
  - Where do you need to embrace the word, deepen your roots, reprioritize, or pull out the weeds?
  - Move into prayer for another through as you process these questions.

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