

Mark 4:3–9

Mark 4:13–20

_____ determine the condition of your life into which the seed of God's Word is planted.

Matthew 6:33

How to _____ with God:

Genesis 2:8 (NIV84)

Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed.

God uses the _____ He created.

Hebrews 5:12–14

It's not all _____; it's not all _____.

Committing and submitting to _____ process is essential for every believer.

1 Samuel 1:9-18

1 Samuel 1:19-20 (NKJV)

19 Then they rose early in the morning and worshiped before the Lord, and returned and came to their house at Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife, and the Lord remembered her.

20 So it came to pass **in the process of time** that Hannah conceived and bore a son, and called his name Samuel, saying, "Because I have asked for him from the Lord."

Looking back at your notes from the weekend service, was there a comment or verse that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

1. The following passages all deal with the positive impact the Bible can have in our lives when we are responsive to it. Make a list of all the benefits of being receptive to God's Word.

Psalm 19:7-14—

Psalm 1:1-3—

Have you experienced any of these benefits in your life? If so, how?

2. While we can influence other people, we have no control over the type of soil they are. In the following verses, what actions do you find that help us influence people?

1 Thessalonians 4:11-12—

2 Timothy 2:24-26—

Given your current situation, which of these actions is most challenging for you to do?

3. The third soil Jesus talked about was the thorny soil where life's worries, wealth and pleasures choke out the Word. How can 1 John 2:15-17 motivate you to not let yourself become distracted by these things?

What has helped you deal with these distractions?