DAY 01 |

Principle: *Jesus taught using parables to conceal the truth from unbelievers and to reveal the truth to those who will believe.*

Read Matthew 13:10-17, 34-35, 51-52, John 15:16, Ephesians 1:7-10, and Romans 16:25-27 **7:30PM**

1. Why did Jesus teach using parables? Why would He choose to allow some to understand and not others?

2. How do you know if you have been chosen by Jesus?

DAY 02 |

Principle:
Every man faces heart issues and external pressures that affect how God's Word takes root in his heart.

Read Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23, Luke 8, Genesis 6:5, Jeremiah 17:9, and Matthew 15:19 **7:41PM**

1. What internal "heart issues" do you see at play in this parable? What are the external factors that exacerbate them?

2. In what ways do your "heart conditions" introduce pain or difficulty into your life and the lives of those around you?

DAY 03 |

Principle:
The heart of a man who believes in Jesus has the potential to produce an abundance of spiritual fruit.

Read Matthew 13:23, Luke 8:15, Luke 6:45, Gal. 5:22-24, John 15:5-8, Psalm 1:1-3 and Pro. 4:23 **7:52PM**

1. What causes an abundant “spiritual crop”? What are the fruits that arise out of the “good soil”?

2. What good fruits have you seen coming out of your heart? What causes them to show up inconsistently?

DAY 04 |

Principle:
God uses His chosen people to cultivate the hearts of others and to sow the seed of His Word.

Read Matthew 13:18-23, 1 Corinthians 12, Isaiah 55:6-11, Luke 13:6-9, and John 4 **8:03PM**

1. How does God use His people to prepare hearts to receive His Word and to plant it within them?

2. How should you be cultivating and sowing into the hearts of the people God has placed in your life?