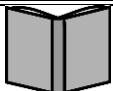




Small Group/ Reflection Notes

	18-10-2026	Parable of the Soil
 Nibbles <i>whilst you wait</i>	☐ What are you like at growing things?	
 Starters <i>discussion</i>	☐ What is soil? What's it made up of? ☐ What does soil do? ☐ What happens to seeds if there is no or insufficient soil? ☐ When/ how do we as Christians create the 'soil'?	
 Read	Matthew 13:1-9 & 18-23	 Listen again ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Watch ChesterRoadBaptist.org.uk/Talks
 Mains <i>Bible study</i>	☐ v.1-2 : Why might Jesus have attracted large crowds? Why teach from a boat? ☐ v.3 : Why did Jesus teach in parables? Why not just send a PowerPoint? See v.10-13 . Why happens when we are encouraged to <i>think</i> , even <i>grapple</i> , with the Bible? In this parable, who is the 'sower'? What is the 'seed'? ☐ v.4 : Why does THE Sower 'scatter' the seed? Why not conserve seed/ energy by being more targeted? What did Jesus say this represented? See v.18-19 . When have you seen this? ☐ v.5-6 : What did Jesus say this represented? See v.20-21 . When have you seen this? How do we help new Christians become rooted in Christ? ☐ v.7 : What did Jesus say this represented? See v.22 . How can even fellow church members 'choke' new Christians? ☐ v.8 : What did Jesus say this represented? See v.23 . What's the difference between <i>hearing</i> and <i>understanding</i> ? What does being <i>fruitful</i> as a Christian look like? How/ when do we create 'good <u>soil</u> ' for others, especially visitors/ seekers/ new Christians, to grow in? How does this relate to <i>our</i> attendance on Sundays? ☐ v.9 : What have you 'heard' today? What will you 'do' about it?	
 Sides <i>for interest</i>	☐ v.9 : How might a d/Deaf person receive this verse? How do we 'translate' 1 st Century insensibilities about disability for those today who cannot hear?	
 Desserts <i>for reflection</i>	☐ Which verse stands out to you? Why do you think it grabs your attention? ☐ Which verse(s) will you need to think more about? Why? ☐ Where are <u>you</u> in the parable? How are <u>you</u> helping to create <u>soil</u> for others?	

 Do	☐ Plant something. As you do so, think about the different elements of the process. Sower. Seed. Soil. Water. Nutrients. Container. Weeds. God, what are you showing me?
 Pray	
 My questions:	

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