

# MATTHEW



## STUDY GUIDE

### Introduction:

We talked a lot this week about the meaning of the word, “Understanding.” Specifically, according to the parable of The Four Kinds of Soil, there is no such thing as understanding without application and transformation.

### How did this idea about understanding hit you?

**Can you think of a time you intellectually comprehended something, but didn’t apply it to your life?** Share a few of those stories.

### Text: Matthew 13:1-23

There are four scams Jesus warns about in this parable:

- The Path: the scam of obstinance.
- The Rocky Ground: the scam of suffering.
- The Thorny Ground: the scams of worries and wealth.

Which of these were most challenging or impactful to you? Why?

How have you fallen prey to these scams in your own life?

### YOUR MOVE

Jesus ended the parable by circling back to the idea of understanding. The good soil is the exact opposite of the hard soil from the path. The good soil is the life of someone who hears the word of God and *applies it to their live*.

**Why is application so difficult? What makes us love knowledge even without application?**

**What are you going to do this week to not only know the word of God, but let it transform your attitudes, actions, habits, and choices this week?**