

SHARING

Hymns (What we're praising God for):

Lessons (What God is teaching us):

Requests (What we're asking God to do):

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

Read the passage (Matthew 13:1-23) and answer the following questions:

1. What stands out most and why?
 2. What does the passage reveal to us about God?
 3. What does the passage reveal to us about ourselves?
 4. What are the immediate application points?
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DEEPER DISCUSSION

1. Jesus often teaches through the use of parables. Why does he use that method? (v.10-13)
2. How was this a fulfillment of Isaiah 6:9-10?
3. What does it mean to see and not "see?" Or to hear and not "hear?"
4. Why were the disciples able to understand Jesus' teaching? What made the difference for them?
5. Share with the group your own experience of coming to faith in Jesus. Did you find yourself struggling to understand the gospel?
6. Discuss the different types of soil and what they represent. What is to blame for a lack of fruit in their lives?
7. On Sunday we talked about the role of the sower. He/she is to be faithful to scatter seeds regardless of the reception. How can you be more engaged in the work of "sowing seeds?"