GROUP DISCUSSION GUIDE

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LUKE SEASON 3
Parables
Luke 8:4-18
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NOTES	GROUP DISCUSSION 1. Open with prayer. (2-5 min) 2. Share your story Describe some obstacles in your life that kept you from moving in the direction you wanted to go. (Slow drivers in the passing lane count). (7-10 min) 3. Discuss these questions with your group. (20-45 min) 4. Read Luke 8:4-18.
	"A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundred-fold." (Luke 8:9-13)
	What are some common obstacles to spiritual growth?
	How would you describe each of these four planting conditions as a condition of someone's heart? (For example, the hard path could represent someone who wants nothing to do with God or spiritual growth.)
	Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience. (vs. 11-15)

Looking back at your notes from this week's message, was there anything you heard for the first time, stuck with you, challenged or confused you?

What is the one important thing you will take away from this weekend's message or our community group discussion? Is there any challenge, difficulty or praise that you would like to share with the group for prayer?

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During what periods in your life could you have had each of these four types of planting conditions?

How would you describe the condition of your heart right now?

What could be some obstacles that keep you from receiving what God wants you to grasp and enjoy?

PLAN OF ACTION

What are some practical things you can do this week to nourish and cultivate the spiritual "planting conditions" of your heart?