

Sermon discussion questions

SERMON TITLE: It Matters to God: Your Spiritual Health Matters to God- Pt. 2

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KEY SCRIPTURE: Matthew 13:1-8; 2 Peter 1:3-8

Matthew 13:1-8

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. ² Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. ³ Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. ⁴ As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. ⁵ Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. ⁶ But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.

2 Peter 1:3-8

His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. ⁴ Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires. ⁵ For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, knowledge; ⁶ and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; ⁷ and to godliness, mutual affection; and to mutual affection, love. ⁸ For if you possess these qualities in increasing measure, they will keep you from being ineffective and unproductive in your knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

OPENING QUESTIONS:

- What are you celebrating in your life this week? (What are you thankful for?)
- What's challenging you this week? (What do you need prayer for?)

SCRIPTURE: Read the scripture out loud.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

- Why is it important to God that believers continue to grow in the different areas of their lives?

Why does God give each person a seed of faith?

What can a person do to increase their faith in God?

Why does strong faith make a person better able to face the trials of life?

How does a growing dependence on God and moral excellence show that a person's faith is growing?

- Holiness is condition of the heart. What sins do you need to say no to?
- How can you practice living for Jesus each day and grow in your knowledge of His word?

PRAYER: Take time to pray for one another. Pray that the seed of faith in each of us would grow our prayer, worship, & study of the Word. May we be people of moral excellence and holiness, that are a testimony of God's love.