



# PREACHING CURRICULUM

## Secrets of the Kingdom Matthew 13:1-23

“Those who listen to God’s Word and obey it are shaped into something beautiful. Those who do not listen will nurture poison ivy over tulips and embrace artificial trees, only to be disappointed when they do not bloom.”

### 1 REVIEW THE SERMON

What are parables? What is their purpose and function within the Gospels? Why are they so often misunderstood? \_\_\_\_\_

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What do the 4 types of soil represent in the Parable of the Sower? What do they look like in our world today? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 2 ASSESS YOUR LIFE

Which kind of soil are you? How have you responded to persecution and tribulation? How about the cares of the world and the desires for riches? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there areas where you know you should be applying God’s Word but have struggled to do so? What have been some of the results of that in your life? What might this reveal about what is shaping your heart? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 3 APPLY THE TRUTH

How will you allow the Word of God to shape you into something beautiful this week? How will you actively engage with it—reading, reflecting, and obeying it? Where do you need to move from hearing the Word to doing it (James 1:22)? \_\_\_\_\_

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What can you give up or begin to do to ensure you don't live like the first 3 types of soil? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 4 COMMIT THIS WEEK

What will it look like for you to bear good fruit in your life this week? \_\_\_\_\_

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### 5 PRAYER REQUESTS/PRAISE REPORTS

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