

## Small Group Discussion Guide

### *Parable of the Soils*

#### **Icebreaker:**

- Any experience in gardening as a child?
- How good are you at growing things today?

#### **Read: Luke 8:4-15**

1. What is Jesus' ministry style here (v. 1)? Who travels with him? What strikes you about them?
2. What is a parable? Why does Jesus use parables?
3. Why do the disciples receive an explanation and others do not? How would the parable help the disciples better understand what is happening in their ministry?
4. In Jesus' explanation of the parable, what is the seed? The birds? The soils? The fruit? The farmer?
5. How would you explain this parable to children who have never been on the farm?
6. What does Jesus mean to be "*a noble and good heart*" (v. 15)?
7. What kind of "*soil*" best represents you now?  
Five years ago?
8. When it comes to hearing God right now, are you:  
*a) tuned-in? b) tuned-out? c) bad signal d) lost connection?*
9. How comfortable are you taking your questions to Jesus?
10. How can this group pray for you this week?