



IDENTIFY GOOD SOIL



Skill

Identify Good Soil is learning how to identify and cultivate the four heart soil types of different people we meet in the Lord's worldwide harvest fields.

Design

Identify Good Soil (four soil types) > The picture illustrates the four types of soil in Jesus' story about the seed-sowing farmer: 1) hard path, 2) rocks, 3) thorns, 4) fruitful. The **sketch** is a fruit-bearing plant with strong roots illustrating the explosive growth of the seed when it finds good, healthy soil in which to grow.

Story

Seed Sowing Farmer (Mark 4:1-20)

This story demonstrates Identify Good Soil as a kingdom skill because we clearly see the seed multiplying a fruitful harvest when it is sown in good soil. The first seeds barely touch the ground before birds eat them. The second and third seeds grow, but they do not last and are burned up or choked to death. Therefore, almost all the work that is needed to see a spiritual revival in our local communities is a lot of soil cultivation and seed nurturing.

Scriptures

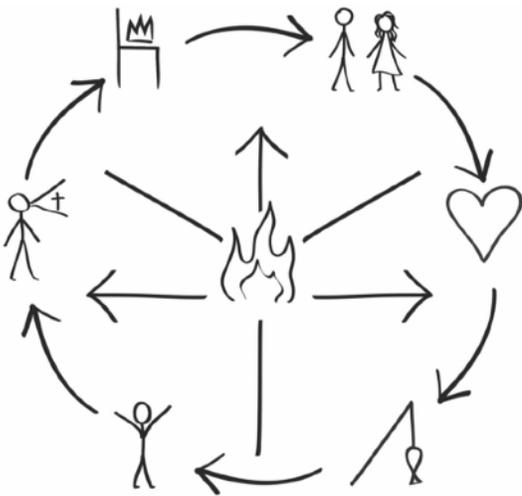
Mark 4:26-29 > The kingdom of God is like this: a man scatters seed on the ground; he sleeps and rises - night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows - he doesn't know how. The soil produces a crop all by itself - first the blade, then the head, and then the ripe grain on the head. But as soon as the crop is ready, he sends for the sickle, because the harvest is come.

Matthew 12:33 > Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad; for a tree is known by its fruit.

Lesson Summary

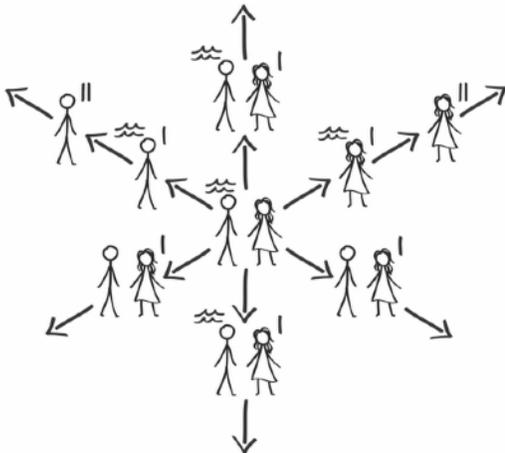
Identify Good Soil demands patience and requires the gift of discernment. Every disciple we train is providentially designed by our Father to go out and produce kingdom fruit that lasts (John 15:16). Because every disciple has the potential to birth a spiritual revival, the devil is always on the prowl with a mission to devour and destroy whomever he can (1 Peter 5:8). We must learn to discern between those who trust in themselves no matter what we say and those who desire to walk in wisdom and receive our training (Proverbs 28:26).

Gathering Guide



- Holy Spirit (fire): Let the Spirit guide your meeting.
- **Step One** (back arrow): Last week questions.
- Abide (worshipper): How did you abide last week?
- Harvest (witness): Whom did you share with?
- **Step Two** (up arrow): Discover this week's skill in Scripture as you discuss the Bible story.
- God (throne/crown): What do we learn about God?
- People (man/woman): What do we learn about people?
- Practice: Practice telling this week's story in groups.
- **Step Three** (forward arrow): Next week questions.
- Abide (heart): How will you abide?
- Harvest (fishing): Whom will you share with?

Generations Map



- People of Peace (people/arrows): Draw your disciples and their disciples. Share recent stories of how you and your team are engaging lost people.
- Baptism (waves): Update your map with those who have been baptized. What is the next step for each disciple who still needs to be baptized or become a baptizer by experience?
- Generations (number lines): Update your map with generations. How can we pray for this movement?