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## “IT’S TIME to GROW”

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6; 2 PETER 3:18

- **The Lesson of the “Four Soils”**

*“A great spiritual \_\_\_\_\_ is no guarantee  
of a successful spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.”*

### Divisions in Corinth

- 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10-13; 1 CORINTHIANS 3:4-8

1 CORINTHIANS 3:6 *I planted the seed in your hearts, and Apollos watered it, but it was  
God who made it grow.*

*To Grow in Christ,*

- **WE NEED** \_\_\_\_\_
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**The Big Problem: People \_\_\_\_\_ to Grow!**

- 2 PETER 3:18

In what areas of **Grace and Truth** do you want God to help you grow this year?

## LIFE GROUP STUDY NOTES

### “IT’S TIME to GROW”

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Sunday’s sermon referenced a lesson from the Parable of the Sower and the Seed, and the soils into which the seed was sown. That story is included in the first three Gospels: MATTHEW 13:1-23; MARK 4:1-20; LUKE 8:4-15

In this parable, the issue of one’s eternal salvation emerges. While three of the four soils receive the Word, only one produces a crop. Is this important?

**QUESTION:** Do you think Jesus is teaching that a spiritually productive life is a **requirement** for eternal salvation or **optional**? Why or why not?

#### GOING DEEPER

- In **1 TIMOTHY 4:1**, what does Paul say the Spirit clearly says will happen in the last days?
- In **MATTHEW 24:13**, after Jesus prophesied that in the last days many will turn away from the faith (24:10), what does He say is required for salvation?
- In **HEBREWS 6:4-6**, what warning does the write give regarding “turning away” or “falling away” from the faith?
- The term falling away” is the same word used in the Four Soils story regarding the second soil in **LUKE 8:13**. Is it possible for a person to temporarily believe?
- In **MATTHEW 25:14-30**, the Parable of the Three Servants, what was the outcome (*vs. 30*) of the third servant who did not produce anything with the master’s property?
- According to **JAMES 2:14**, what kind of faith/belief, i.e., receiving of the word, actually saves a person?
- To what are an unproductive faith/belief compared to in **JAMES 2:15-26**?

#### Is it “*Time to Grow?*”

- What is one area you want become spiritually productive?
- What are you willing to change to help this?