



Journey On.

Life Group Study notes for the Week of 01.31.10
Fountain Church Life Groups (www.fountainchurch.com)

- **Opening question:** What is your favorite movie? TV show? And why? (A warning to other group members: no ridicule or derision please☺)

1. Take a moment to read Matthew 13:1-23 quietly to yourself.

- Discuss the 4 types of ground that Jesus mentions in this parable with the group

- What are some modern day examples of the first 3 types of soil

- Have you ever had a “Hard heart”... or a “Rocky heart”... or have the things of this life consumed your thoughts so that you did not listen to or follow Jesus and His teachings? If so, how did that affect your life?

2. Re-read Matthew 13:11-12, 16-17

- Why do you think Jesus only let his disciples in on the explanations of His Parables?

- Since you are a blessed disciple of Jesus and have been granted understanding about the Kingdom of God... do you use that privilege and understanding to help and serve others?

3. Enlarging on the farming analogy that Jesus uses: a farmer must work very hard every year to get his fields ready to plant and to keep the soil good.

- What are some things you do to keep your heart receptive to God’s word?

- In the past when you’ve noticed that the soil of your heart is getting hard (e.g. having a bad attitude, becoming stubborn, etc.), what have you done to correct that?