



THINK ON IT...

1. What kind of experience have you had with growing things? Do you consider yourself to have a "green thumb"? Why or why not? What is the secret to your success (or what are the reasons for your failure)?

Read: Luke 8:4-15

2. In Jesus' explanation of this parable, what is the seed? The soil? The fruit? The farmer?
3. On Sunday, we discussed the four different types of soil upon which the seed fell. In your own words, describe what each type of soil represents.
4. Why do the disciples receive an explanation of the parable while the other listeners do not? How would the parable help the disciples better understand what was happening in their ministry?
5. What does it really mean to "hear"? What modern analogy could you use to explain the meaning of this parable?
6. Which of the four different types of soil is most reflective of the condition of your heart right now? What kind of soil would have best represented you five years ago?
7. When it comes to hearing God right now, are you:
 - locked in, hearing the signal loud and clear?
 - getting a lot of static?
 - barely picking up the signal? Why?
8. What help do you get from this parable about sharing your faith with others?