

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Matthew 13:1-23 **(September 24, 2025)**

— Below are questions to help further our understanding of Wednesday's Sermon. —

1. How does the concept of 'speaking truth in love' challenge our modern understanding of tolerance in the church?
2. In what ways might we be 'soft-peddling' the Gospel message?
3. Jesus uses agricultural imagery in the Parable of the Sower. How might this parable apply to our lives today, particularly in how we receive and respond to God's word?
4. The sermon mentions that 'those who are governed by the fear of man are nothing more than Spiritual Cowards.' How can we cultivate a reverent fear of God instead of fearing man's opinions?
5. Jesus speaks about those who 'have eyes but do not see, and ears but do not hear.' In what areas of our spiritual lives might we be blind or deaf to God's truth?
6. How does the idea that 'Faith that has not changed your life is faith that has not saved your soul' challenge our understanding of salvation and discipleship?
7. The sermon discusses different types of soil representing various heart conditions. How can we cultivate 'good soil' in our hearts to be more receptive to God's word?
8. Jesus reveals certain truths to His disciples but conceals them from others. How does this relate to the concept of spiritual discernment in our lives today?
9. The passage mentions that many prophets and righteous people longed to see what the disciples saw. How can we cultivate a greater appreciation for the revelation we have in Christ?
10. How might the 'deceitfulness of riches' be choking out the word of God in our lives or in the lives of those around us?
11. The sermon emphasizes the importance of bearing spiritual fruit. What does it mean to bear fruit in our Christian walk, and how can we assess if we are truly fruitful?