

Atlanta Chinese Christian Church North / English Ministries  
Discussion questions for the sermon "Spiritual Heart Check" on 6/12/2011

Read Matthew 13:1-23 and answer the following questions:

1. What was Jesus' parable about (vv.1-9)?
2. Why did Jesus use parables in his teaching (vv.10-17)?
3. How did Jesus interpret the parable (vv.18-23)?
  - a. What does the seed represent?
  - b. What does the soil represent?
  - c. What kind of heart does the path represent?
  - d. What kind of heart do the rocky places represent?
  - e. What kind of heart do the thorns represent?
  - f. What kind of heart does the good soil represent?
  - g. How many types of soil are there? Explain your answer.
4. In this parable, which type of soil represents the person who is a genuine follower of Jesus Christ and why?
5. What do you think is the point of this parable? Explain your answer.

6. Which type of soil represents your heart and why?
  
7. According to this parable, are you a genuine follower of Jesus Christ? Why or why not? If not, would you like to become one?
  
8. Close this time with prayer. Pray for each other, so that we will desire to hear God's Word and practice what we hear, showing that we are genuine followers of Jesus Christ.