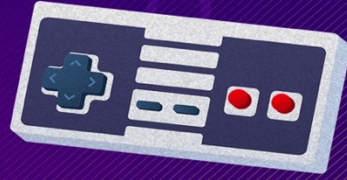


NEXT LEVEL



- Seeds & Soils -

ICE-BREAKER:

- Share about some of the people that significantly sowed into your life?

DISCUSSION:

Read the Parable of the Sower in Luke 8:1-18 (Also Matthew 13:1-23 & Mark 4:1-25)

1. Name the four places where the seed fell and what they represent?
2. **The Path (Hard Ground)** – Why does Satan come and steal the seed away from the hard ground?
3. **The rock** - How can we as Christians become better rooted in Christ? (Ephesians 3:16-19, Colossians 2:6-8)
4. **Among thorns** - Name some of the thorns that we face in the world today? How do they hinder us from bearing fruit for Christ?
5. **Good Soil** – Has there been a time when you've been like the good soil, creating a fruitful spiritual life? What was going on in your life during that time? Why do you think you were more fruitful soil at that time, and not at other times?

Read Matthew 16:27

6. Does working and producing fruit in your life for eternal rewards motivate you in your faith? Why or why not? Is it wrong to work for rewards?

APPLICATION:

How would you describe the state of your metaphorical “soil” right now? Are you fertile ground, or hard, rocky, or thorny? What is one thing you could do to help make you more open to the work of the Holy Spirit in your life?