

**All-In: Hearing and Obeying**  
**Matthew 13:1-23**

1. What thoughts, questions, or feelings did you have when reading the passage or listening to the sermon?
2. When you read this entire passage (Matthew 13:1-23), why do you think Jesus uses the phrase, "Whoever has ears, let them hear?" in verse 9? How does this phrase relate to the rest of the passage?
3. Read John 10. Why do you think Jesus equates himself to a good shepherd and us to sheep (as opposed to dogs, for instance), who are known to have bad vision and are generally dumb animals? Drew mentioned in his sermon that we often see ourselves as the shepherd and Jesus as the sheep. Do you think is true for most people and their relationship with God? If so, why do you think this is the case? Explain.
4. Read Matthew 13:18-23 when Jesus gives the explanation of the soils. Can you think of a time in your life when you could relate to one of the soils other than good soil? What was that experience like?
5. Consider your own life today, and consider the different areas of your life (money, success/ambition, relationships, etc). Which soil do you relate to the most in light of what God might be trying to say to you?
6. Have you ever felt like you listened to God (or you knew someone who did), and yet your life got worse, rather than better? If so, what was that experience like? How did that shape your view of God?
7. How can John 10:11 be an encouragement for us when God's voice has led us in less desirable paths? What's the promise we can hold onto (read Romans 8:32 as well)?
8. Break up into groups of 2-3 and share what areas in your life God might be speaking into. Pray for one another that God would grant the attentiveness and courage to hear and obey.