

5) According to Jesus, what prevent people from hearing the word, accepting it and bearing much fruit (verses 16 to 19)?

6) What specific lessons did you learn from this passage that
a. you can apply to your own life and

b. you can share with others so that they can also learn?

Discipleship Pointers

- The quality of the soil (how well we hear and accept) determines the growth of the seed (the word).
- Those who hear but do not understand are those who have hardened hearts, but those whose hearts are opened will have opportunities for repentance and thus bring forth fruits in keeping with their repentance.

Family/Group Moments

- What type of soil am I?
- Am I allowing any other type of seed (other than God's word) to grow and mature in my heart?
- How much fruit is God's word bearing in my life?