

SOIL SAMPLE: WEEK 3  
**THE ROCKY**



LUKE 8:1-15

## INSPECTION - WHAT DOES IT SAY?

What is the cause of the root problem of the rocky soil?

What does the sun represent that scorches the plants on the rocky soil?

According to Jesus in verse 12, from where do the troubles or persecution come?

What is meant by the "secret of the kingdom of God" in verse 10?

What two senses are needed to find forgiveness? Verse 10

## OBSERVATION - WHAT DOES IT MEAN?

For what reason did many of Jesus' followers leave Him? John 6:22-70

What is the difference between outer joy and inner joy?

What role do trials play in the life of the believer? Reference James 1:2-4.

What safeguard did Paul give for choosing elders in the church? Reference 1 Timothy 3:6.

What promise does God make to the believer going through trials? 1 Corinthians 10:13

## LIFE APPLICATION - WHAT DOES IT MEAN FOR ME?

Identify areas in your faith where you are being persecuted. Apply Romans 12:12.

Reach out this week to someone who has fallen away from the faith. Let that person know you care.

Add minutes to your time in prayer, study of Scripture, and serving others.

Interview a seasoned Christian about his/her journey. Learn from what you hear.

Send a note of encouragement to someone who has left the church.

## MEDITATION - WHAT DOES GOD SAY?

James 1:12

1 Peter 5:10

John 16:33

Exodus 14:14

Proverbs 3:5-6

Romans 8:28

2 Corinthians 12:9

1 Peter 1:7

## SUPPLICATION - WHAT CAN WE MEDITATE?

OUR Father, we worship and love Thee and it is one point of our worship that Thou art holy. Time was when we loved Thee for Thy mercy. We knew no more, but now Thou hast changed our hearts and made us in love with goodness, purity, justice, true holiness, and we understand now why "the cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, 'Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts.'"

We adore Thee because Thou art holy and we love Thee for Thine infinite perfection. For now, we sigh and cry after holiness ourselves. Sanctify us wholly, spirit, soul, and body. Lord, we mourn over the sins of our past life and our present shortcomings. We bless Thee that Thou hast forgiven us. We are reconciled to Thee by the death of Thy Son. There are many who know that they have been washed and that He that beareth away sin has borne their sin away. These are they who now cry to Thee to be delivered from the power of sin, to be delivered from the power of temptation without, but especially from indwelling sin within.

Lord, purify us in head, heart, and hand, and if it be needful that we should be put into the fire to be refined as silver is refined, we would even welcome the fire if we may be rid of the dross. Lord, save us from constitutional sin, from sins of temperament, from sins of our surroundings. Save us from ourselves in every shape and grant us especially to have the light of love strong within us.

May we love God. May we love Thee, O Savior. May we love the people of God as being members of one body in connection with Thee. May we love the guilty world with that love which desires its salvation and conversion and may we love not in word only, but in deed and in truth. May we help the helpless, comfort the mourner, sympathize with the widow and fatherless, and may we be always ready to put up with wrong, to be long suffering, to be very patient, full of forgiveness, counting it a small thing that we should forgive our fellow-men since we have been forgiven of God. Lord, tune our hearts to love and then give us an inward peace, a restfulness about everything.

May we have no burden to carry, because, though we have a burden, we have rolled it upon the Lord. May we take up our cross and because Christ has once died on the cross, may our cross become a comfort to us. May we count it all joy when we fall into diverse trials, knowing that in all this God will be glorified, His image will be stamped upon us, and the eternal purpose will be fulfilled, wherein He has predestinated us to be conformed unto the image of His Son.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

**(Excerpt from A Prayer For Holiness by Charles Spurgeon)**