

The Bible 2 - Leader's Guide

- 1. How is the Bible similar to a set of weights? (Just as weight lifting strengthens your body, so reading the Bible gives you spiritual and emotional strength.)**
- 2. How is the Bible similar to a light or a lamp? (The Bible lights your path like a light or lamp. It gives you guidance and direction. It helps you understand life.)**
- 3. How is the Bible like water? (Reading the Bible is like taking a shower. It cleanses and washes you. It makes you pure.)**
- 4. How is the Bible similar to a counselor? (It gives you wise advice and comforts you in your troubles like a counselor.)**
- 5. How is the Bible similar to a seed? (It has the power to reproduce, bear fruit. It will help you live a fruitful life.)**
- 6. Briefly retell the parable about seeds. What 4 types of soil are mentioned? (The farmer scattered seed on 4 types of soil: the path, the rocky ground, the ground with thistles, and the good soil. The birds came and ate the seed on the path. The seed on the rocky ground sprang up quickly but the plants wilted under the hot sun. The seed planted among the thorns were choked and produced no grain. The seed on the good soil produced a crop of 30, 60, 100x as much as was planted.)**
- 7. What do the 4 types of soil represent? (4 heart responses to the message of Jesus)**
- 8. The seed that falls on the hard path represents people with hard hearts. What happens to the seed? (The devil comes and steals the seed/message before it can change people's lives.)**
- 9. What happens to the seed in the case of the rocky soil? (People hear the message and receive it with joy. They don't have deep roots and don't last long. They fall away as soon as problems or persecution come.)**

- 10. What do the thorns represent? (Thorns represent the worries of this life, the desire for wealth or other things - materialism.)**
- 11. What happens to the seed planted on good soil? (Those are the people who hear and accept the word and produce a harvest. They live fruitful lives.)**
- 12. Has Satan stolen the message from you? (Answers will vary.)**
- 13. Is Jesus' teaching going deep into your life? (Answers will vary.)**
- 14. Are worry and money choking the seed in your life? (Answers will vary.)**
- 15. Are you reproducing, being fruitful in life? (Answers will vary.)**