**Video 1: Matthew 12:46-50**

**Extra Scriptures To Study:**

* *Matthew 7:21-23 workers of lawlessness*
* *John 6:22-40 the true work of God*
* *1 John 3:19-24 the true commandment of God*
* *John 15:12-17 you’re my friends if you do what I command you*
* *Luke 8:19-21 those who hear the word of God and do it*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Jesus says, “Whoever does the will of my Father is my family.” What does this teach us about the difference between religious activity and genuine faith?
2. How can we better discern what God’s will actually is in our everyday decisions and relationships?
3. Have you ever experienced tension between loyalty to your earthly family and loyalty to Christ? How did you respond, and what might you do differently now?
4. In what ways are we tempted to rely on our “Christian heritage” (family, upbringing, church involvement) rather than personal faith and obedience?
5. Jesus shifted His teaching to parables partly in response to rejection. How should we respond when others reject our faith or misunderstand our loyalty to Christ?

**Video 3: Matthew 13:1-9**

**Extra Scriptures To Study:**

* *Isaiah 55:10–11 God’s word compared to seed*
* *Matthew 7:16–20 good trees and good fruit*
* *John 15:1–8 bearing fruit as branches in Christ*
* *1 Peter 1:23–25 imperishable seed of God’s word*

**Discussion Questions:**

1. Which of the four soils do you see most reflected in your own heart right now, and why?
2. What practices help you cultivate “deep roots” in your faith when trials and heat come?
3. What distractions (riches, worries, busyness) are most likely to choke out God’s word in your life?
4. How have you experienced God’s word working in hidden ways—producing growth you only noticed later?
5. What kind of “fruit” do you believe God wants to produce in your life this season, and how can your group encourage you in that?