Welcome to Life Groups.  Take some time to welcome any new people that may be attending the group for the first time:

**Note:**  As always - Trust and Transparency go hand and hand…  Share only what you are comfortable with.

**Begin with prayer:**  Ask God to open our eyes to His truth – offer the opportunity for others to pray as they feel led.

**Scripture Reading:**  Matthew 13:1-9 (*Read entire passage and then take a moment to reflect on it...*)

Note to Leaders:  As you work through the questions please refer back to the passage as many times as you feel necessary as well as other supporting passages as the discussion unfolds.

**Discussion Guidelines:**
1. The goal is that each person would personalize the passage and the questions.

2. Try to answer questions in the FIRST PERSON…

3. Engage in authentic discovery and personal revelation.

4. Don't overthink the questions and spend as much time as you need on each question.  **Don't feel you have to answer all the questions.  Please refer to additional scriptures as the conversation unfolds.**

**Questions this week:**
1. In Matthew 13:8 Jesus describes the seed that feel on "good soil" – Why do you think Jesus described this soil as being "good soil"?

2. Jesus makes a parallel between the "good soil" and a "good heart". How do determine if your heart is "good"? After discussing this question read Psalm 1:1-6, Philippians 4:9, James 1:22-25

3. What do you think Jesus meant when he said… *"Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown*. Describe what you think the "crop" is for you personally and for the church as a body of believers? Give supporting scriptures to support your answer.

4. Why is it important that believers produce a crop / a "harvest of righteousness"?

5. How do you measure this "crop" of the Gospel in your life?

**Closing in <u>Prayer</u>:** Take requests based on discussion and needs in the group