

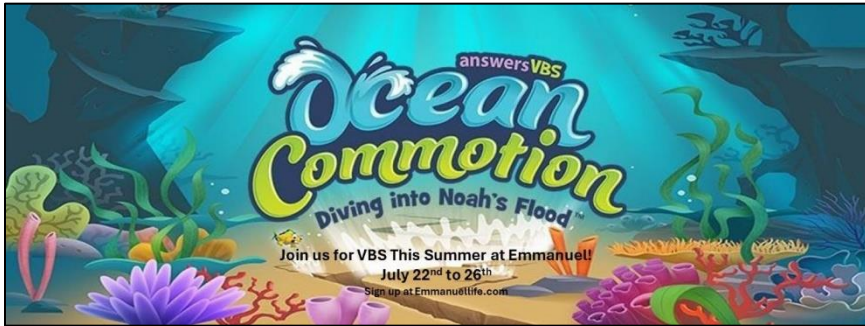
## Emmanuel Prayer Items

### Team Serving in Eswatini

- Team unity. Team flexibility. Health and safety. Cultural and relational sensitivity. Spiritual input. Wisdom and insight into development plans for the Care Point. Days for Girls session. Finances. For joy and peace.

### Pinecrest Housing

- For the supply of Summer Students for the summer. Continued funding provision.



# FOUNDATIONS

Laying a Solid Foundation for the Christian Life



1. SALVATION: WHAT IT IS & HOW YOU CAN BE SURE
2. LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE
3. THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN YOUR LIFE
4. OVERCOMING SIN & TEMPTATION
5. OUR PURPOSE IN THE WORLD
6. THE BIBLE
7. GROWING ROOTS & BEARING FRUIT

## Grow Roots & Bear Fruit – Matthew 13: 1-23

“Not every person who responds to the gospel, **matures** in their faith and **bears fruit**. Staying faithful, maturing, bearing fruit in our Christian life, requires humility, sacrifice, devotion, intentionality, and perseverance.”

### I - The Person who hears but does not U\_\_\_\_\_. Verse 19

To understand” means “to put \_\_\_\_\_”, to grasp, to comprehend. Jesus puts the responsibility on the “\_\_\_\_\_” to seek to understand the truth of the Kingdom of God. To understand with our h\_\_\_\_\_. (*Matthew 13:15*)

There is a S\_\_\_\_\_ battle we don't see. (*Romans 3:9-11; John 6:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:20*)

Luke 8:12; Hebrews 3: 7-8

### II - The one who hears and receives the Word with J\_\_\_\_, but only believes for a while, and eventually \_\_\_\_\_ their faith because of \_\_\_\_\_ or persecution. Verses 20-21

It's always exciting to see someone respond to hearing the gospel with joy, gladness, enthusiasm. This is not a g\_\_\_\_\_ of committed faith.

*Ezekial 33:31-33*

When P\_\_\_\_\_ and P\_\_\_\_\_ come. (*Matthew 24:9-10; John 16:33; Acts 14:21-22; Matthew 16:24-25*)

Luke 8:13 “depart in a time of t\_\_\_\_\_” (*1 Peter 1:6-9*)

To “S\_\_\_\_\_”, to offend, trip, or fall. (*Matthew 11:6; John 6:60-69*)

### III - The person who hears the word, receives it, but gets d\_\_\_\_\_, by the c\_\_\_\_\_ of life and pursuing w\_\_\_\_\_, that they never spiritually mature and live a spiritually unfruitful life. Verse 22

the w\_\_\_\_\_ of this a\_\_\_\_\_. (*Mark 4:19; Luke 8:14*)

Life vs life... (*John 10:10; Rom 12:2*)

The seduction of W\_\_\_\_\_ (*Ecc 5:10-12; 1 Tim 6:9-10*)

### IV - The one who hears, receives, and produces f\_\_\_\_\_, growing and m\_\_\_\_\_ in their Christian faith. Verse 23

Who U\_\_\_\_\_. Welcomes. Honest & Good Heart (*Mark 4:20; Luke 8:15*)

Luke 8:15 ‘who hold on to it and by enduring, bear fruit (*2 Peter 1:5-8*)

To bear F\_\_\_\_\_ (*Luke 3:8; John 15:8*). The o\_\_\_\_\_ change and action that results from the i\_\_\_\_\_ change and condition of our heart.

The C\_\_\_\_\_ of Christ growing in us! (*Galatians 5:22-23*)

What and How we D\_\_\_\_\_. (*Col 1:10; Matt 5:16; Eph 2:10; James 2:17*)

***Ephesians 3:20; John 15:4; Philippians 1:6;9-11***

1. **What is your response to the statement that** “Not every person who responds to the gospel, matures in their faith, and bears fruit. Staying faithful, maturing, bearing fruit in our Christian life, requires humility, sacrifice, devotion, intentionality, and perseverance.”?
2. **Read Matthew 13:19. Why** do think some people hear the gospel but don't respond? **How** do these verses help us understand why or why not people respond to the Gospel: Romans 3:9-11; John 6:44; 2 Corinthians 4:4; 1 John 5:20?
3. **Read Matthew 19:20-21? Have** you ever known anyone who responded joyfully to the gospel but has fallen away from their faith? **Why** do think this happens?
4. **Read Matthew 24:9-10; John 16:33; Acts 14:21-22; Matthew 16:24-25. Have** you personally ever experienced pressure or persecution because of following Jesus? How?
5. **Read 1 Peter 1:6-9. How** Can we prepare ourselves for times of testing? What can we do to get through those times?
6. **Read John 6:60-69. Have** you ever struggled with anything you have read in the Bible? **What** was it? **How** did you handle it?
7. **Read Matthew 13:22. What** are the “worries of this age” that you struggle with the most, that can distract you from the Christian life? Q: What do you “Worry” about the most? What can you do about them?
8. **Read Ecclesiastes 5:10-12 & 1 Timothy 6:9-10.** Have you ever struggled with the “seduction” of wealth? **How? Why** is wealth so deceitful? What is the answer?
9. **Read Matthew 13:23. How** would you explain the idea of “Fruit” in a Christians life? **What** are the keys to living a fruitful Christian life?
- 10 **How** has following Jesus changed you? Made you a different person?
- 11 **Q: What Kind of heart do you have? A heard hart? A Shallow heart? A crowded heart? Or a Fruitful heart?**