

Introduction to the Garden Illustration

Lesson 4-10 of *Discipleship Book 1 – The Basics*, are to be taught along side the Garden Illustration. This diagram is derived from the parable of the sower (**Mark 4:1-20**).

During the next few weeks, we will work through this illustration, updating it after the introduction of each corresponding lesson, as we seek to understand the key principles involved in following Christ and being His disciple. Each of the next seven lessons focuses on specific aspects of the Garden Illustration and their importance in the genuine Christian life. It will be necessary for students to bring their incomplete copy of the illustration with them over the next few weeks until it has been completed. Upon completion of the simple version of the Garden Illustration, a more in-depth version, composed of verse references and fill-in-the-blank answers, will be taught.