

# Soil and Roots: The Three Primary Problems

Used in conjunction with podcast Episodes 36 & 37: Houston, We Have Three Problems

## MODERN WESTERN CHRISTIANITY

## BIBLICAL VISION

 <p><b>FORGOTTEN KINGDOM</b></p>	<p>Gospel of Salvation (or Justification)                      Reductionist                      Two-stage story (Fall, Redemption)                      Jesus is Savior                      Save Souls                      Make Converts                      What we are saved from                      One Commission (Great)                      Personal, individual                      Eternal life when we die                      Idea of the Kingdom: confused and unclear                      One Mountain (church)                      Reconciliation of one relationship: God                      Christian fatalism                      The body is bad                      God wrote one book</p>	<p>Gospel of the Kingdom                      Comprehensive                      Four-stage story (Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration)                      Jesus is Savior and Lord                      Restore all things                      Make Disciples                      What we are saved from and what we are saved into                      Two Commissions (Cultural and Great)                      Personal, community and cosmos                      Eternal life now                      Idea of the Kingdom: The plundering of darkness and restoration of all things                      Circle and Seven Mountains (all of creation and culture)                      Reconciliation of all four relationships: God, others, self, creation and culture                      Hopeful realism                      We are embodied souls                      God wrote two books</p>
 <p><b>DISCIPLESHIP DILEMMA</b></p>	<p>Definition: unsure                      Purpose: unsure, maybe accumulate information                      Vision: cloudy, confused understanding of Jesus                      Context: unknown                      Path: unknown or self-directed                      Components: Dis-integrated Christian activities                      Left-brained</p>	<p>Definition: Apprentices, students, followers of Jesus                      Purpose: to become more like Jesus, heart/spirit formation                      Vision: clear understanding of Jesus and His Kingdom                      Context: Discovering who we are and our story. 8 Indicators (Heartview)                      Path: Greenhouses directed by Holy Spirit and mature disciples                      Components: Know Jesus, know ourselves                      Whole-brained, whole-souled</p>
 <p><b>FORMATION GAP</b></p>	<p>One or two Elements                      Subjected to Western lifestyle and priorities                      Dis-integrated Christian experiences                      Heavily if not exclusively focused on Instruction                      Anthropological assumptions: post Enlightenment and post modern</p>	<p>All five Elements                      Western lifestyle and priorities subjected to spiritual formation                      Integrated Christian life                      Full integration of all five elements                      Anthropological assumptions: Bible and creation</p>

