

Sermon: Take Care How You Hear.
Series: Luke the Gospel for Everyone

Scripture: Luke 8:1-21.
Date: July 28, 2024

OBSERVATION -- As a group, talk through and summarize the passage. Think through *Who, What, Where, When, How, Why* questions together.

INTERPRETATION -- Answer these questions together:

1. What does this passage teach us about God?

- a) Read Luke 8:1. Jesus proclaimed the “good news of the Kingdom of God.” Do you tend to think of the gospel as being about a kingdom? How would you define/describe the kingdom of God?
- b) In the sermon we said that the kingdom of God a) is for everyone, b) is like a seed, and c) it must be received. What do these characteristics of the Kingdom tell us about the nature of God himself?

2. What does this passage teach us about us?

- a) Look at what Jesus says at the end of the parable of the soils in verse 15 – good soil are those people who hear the word, hold fast to the word, and bear fruit. How does your personal walk with God compare with this verse?

3. What does this passage teach us about grace/salvation? How does it point to Christ?

- a) Look closely at verse 18 again. Jesus says that “the one who has will be given even more.” How is this true of our salvation and union with Christ? In what way do we have all of Christ and yet also get more of him as we grow?
- b) Read Romans 10:17 (or read 10:5-17 if you have time). What is the connection between hearing the gospel and faith? How does this passage connect to Jesus’ parable of the soils? In what ways has hearing the gospel increased your own personal faith in Christ?

APPLICATION

- a) Verse 21. Jesus says his real family are those who hear his word and do it. What has Jesus been asking you to DO lately that maybe you’ve been resisting? What step of obedience can you take this week?
- b) Look at verses 2-3 again. Jesus had female disciples who followed him and supported him. Does this surprise you? If you are a woman, what role do you see for yourself in Christ’s Kingdom (the church). If you are a man, in what ways can you encourage women in your church in their roles?

PRAYER

- Thank God for his Kingdom of love and mercy that is available to everyone.
- Confess ways that you have failed to hear the word, hold on to the word, and bear fruit.
- Thank Jesus for his proclamation of the good news of the kingdom, and his inauguration of the kingdom through his cross.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to continue to grow the life of Jesus in you like a seed.