

Sermon Guide

Luke 8:1-21



► In Luke 8:1-15, Jesus tells the crowd the “Parable of the Sower.” What kind of luck have you had with growing things? Are you a “green thumb” or a “brown thumb”? What is your secret of success (or reason for failure)?

Read [Luke 8:1-21](#)

1. What is Jesus’ ministry style in v. 1? Who travels with him? What strikes you about them?
2. What is a parable? Why does Jesus use parables?
3. What is the reason why the disciples receive an explanation, while the others do not? How would the parable help the disciples better understand what is happening in their ministry?
4. In Jesus’ explanation of the Parable of the Sower, what is the seed? The birds? The soils? The fruit? The farmer?
5. What does it really mean to “hear”? How would you explain this parable to children who had never been on a farm? What modern analogy would you use?
6. If Jesus and his message are the lamp of truth, what is the promise for those who do and don’t listen?

GROW



► As you look at your spiritual walk up until today, which soil are you?

► Jesus said, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.” How well are you hearing God right now?

► The disciples felt comfortable going to Jesus and asking him questions. How comfortable are you taking your questions to Jesus?

► What help or encouragement do you get from these parables about sharing your faith with others?

G L O R I F Y

• In this period of COVID-19, many of the normal “weeds” of life have been uprooted. Take some time to pray for unbelievers—that this period of quarantine would produce soil that is optimal for receiving the Gospel. Pray that any unbelievers in your life would seek Him for hope, for answers, for peace, and for eternal life. Pray also for the believers in your life, that this period of quarantine would help them to produce the fruit of the Spirit, that they may seek Him for hope, for answers, for peace, and for whatever else is lacking—knowing that He will supply all their needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus (Ph 4:19).