

“Take Care Then How You Hear”

Sermon Notes

- **Unlike most American churchgoers, Jesus is totally unimpressed with crowds...but he is eager to preach God's Word to them (Luke 8:4)**

****Because...***

1. The Word of God is a seed constantly broadcast on four distinct soils (Luke 8:4-15)
 - The Pathway (vv.5, 12)
 - The Rocky Soil (vv.6, 13)
 - The Thorny Soil (vv.7, 14)
 - The Good Soil (vv.8, 15)

2. The Word of God is a _____ that will one day expose the thoughts of every human heart

(vv.16-18)

3. The Word of God is a _____ that reveals your spiritual pedigree (vv.19-21)

So...

Next Week: Luke 8:22-25 - “Where is Your Faith?”

Community Group Study Guide
For the Week of September 17th - 23rd

Please read Luke 8:16-21.

1. In the parable of the lamp, what does the lit lamp represent?
 - a. What does it mean to cover the lamp with a jar or put it under a bed?
 - b. What does putting the lamp on a stand represent?
 - c. How does this parable relate to the parable of the sower in the preceding verses (Luke 8:4-15)?

2. In verse 17, the Lord speaks about hidden things being made manifest and secrets coming to light.
 - a. Does the lamp represent the hidden secret, or does it reveal the hidden secret? Please explain.
 - b. In the parable of the sower, is there anyone who has a secret to hide? Please explain.
 - c. Is Jesus hiding his word by using parables? (See verse 10) Please explain.

3. In verse 18, Jesus warns his listeners to "take care then how you hear," implying that the need for care has been demonstrated in the preceding verses.
 - a. Is this warning addressed to someone who might be trying to hide a secret lamp? Please explain.
 - b. Is this warning addressed to those who have just heard the two preceding parables? (See verse 10) Please explain.
 - c. Does this warning apply to you? Why or why not?
 - d. In the parable of the sower, the seed was the word of God.
 - (1). What are these parables?
 - (2). Have you heard them before?
 - (3). How have you listened to them?
 - (4). What did you hear?

4. Why do you think Jesus' mother and brothers were trying to see him while he was teaching a crowd in verses 19-20? (See Mark 3:20-31)

a. Why weren't they part of the crowd?

b. In the parables of the sower and the lamp, where do you think Jesus' physical mother and brothers fit in?

c. Where do those Jesus claims as his mother and brothers fit in these parables?