

MMBS Study: Luke 8
Luke McNeely | Week 8 | 10/9/24

Luke 8:1-4 Many Women Support Christ's Work

- In ancient cultures, women were held in Low Regard in many areas of life.
- Jesus gives them Purpose and invites them into his ministry.
- Everyone has access to the message of Jesus and the family of God.

Luke 8:5-15 The Parable of the Sower

Jesus teaches in parables to illustrate profound truths in a way that stimulates a Response for those who "hear" and conceals meaning for those who are not "Listening".

Key verse – Luke 8:11 This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is God's word.

Key verse – Luke 8:8 ...As he said this, he called out, "Let anyone who has ears to hear listen."

Seed on the Path (verses 4, 5, and 12)

Seed on the Rocky Soil (verses 6 and 13)

Seed Among the Thorns (verse 7 and 14)

Seed on Good Soil (verse 8 and 15)

Practically speaking, what does it look like to become Good Soil?

- Be Men of the Word
- Be Men of Obedience
- Be Men who Trust God's Plan

Luke 8:6-21 Using Your Light & True Relationships

- Verse 18 - **Therefore take care how you listen** For whoever has, more will be given to him; and whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken away from him."
- Verse 21 - But he replied to them, "My mother and my brothers are those who hear and do the word of God."

Part 1 Discussion:

What lesson is there to be learned by the Parable of the Sower?

What does it look like to be a Man of the Word?

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Luke 8:22-25 Wind and Waves Obey Jesus

The Proximity of Jesus Calms our Fears

- 1) Obedience does not exempt us from the storms of life.
- 2) Sometimes, it's in our areas of "apparent" strength that we find ourselves in the greatest need of rescue.
- 3) When the storm hits, Jesus is there.

Luke 8:26-39 Demons Driven Out by Jesus

The Power of Jesus Sets us Free

- o Instead of being my 13th disciples, go be one of my first missionaries

Luke 8:40-56 Demons Driven Out by Jesus

The Righteousness of Jesus Gives us Hope

Characters in the Story - Differences

Jairus	The Woman
Honored in the community	Ceremonially unclean
12 yr. old dying daughter	12 years of suffering
Leader of the Synagogue	Unwelcome in the Synagogue
Publicly approaches Jesus	Secretly approaches Jesus
Private healing	Public healing

Similarities

They both are in a desperate and hopeless situation, in need of healing.
 They both fall to their knees in humility.
 Their condition would make anyone else other than Jesus "unclean."
 They both experience the compassion of Jesus.

Part 2 Discussion:

Which story from Luke 8 resonates with you today and why?
 What does it look like to trust God's plan in the midst of a storm?