

Be Careful How You Hear
Luke 8:1-15 March 8th, 2020

Those who refuse to hear God’s word will be _____ so that they cannot believe and be saved.

“Hearing” means listening with spiritual understanding and _____. You need to know that you have a _____ in this. (See V:18)

When Jesus used parables, He didn’t start by stating a truth. Instead, the parable was like a doorway. Jesus’ listeners stood at the doorway and heard Him. If they were _____, they stayed on the outside. But if they were interested, they could _____ the doorway, and learn more about the truth behind the parable and what it meant to their life. – Guzik

The four spiritual conditions described in Luke 8:12-15 are...

#1 V:12 wayside soil = _____ faith.

#2 V:13 Rocky soil = _____ faith.

#3 V:14 Thorny soil = _____ faith.

#4 V:15 The “good ground” is depicting a “good _____”. (A “noble and good heart”) This undoubtedly is a heart that _____ to receive and bear fruit.

Notes: _____

Growth Group Discussion Questions

(Complete at home on separate sheet of paper if needed)

- 1.) Have you ever been in a conversation and you could tell the other person wasn’t listening? How did it make you feel?

- 2.) Have you ever received important information from someone and found yourself not really listening? Tell us about it. What were the consequences?

- 3.) Read Sunday’s text: Luke 8:1-15. Identify the four conditions described here and discuss what each might look like in a person’s life. What do you consider the great moral of this story is?

- 4.) Look up the following scriptures and discuss how they relate to Sunday’s text. (Jer 4:3-4; Hos 10:12-13; Luke 21:34 & Matt 26:41; Eph 6:18; James 5:19-20; 1John 1:5-2:1; Rev 2:2-5; 3:17-18)

- 5.) Which of the four soils / heart conditions described by Jesus best portrays you? Why? What are you planning to do about it?

- 6.) Do you have any final questions or comments about today’s text? Discuss. Take some time to take prayer requests and pray for one another.