

Luke: The Inside Out Gospel

Week 12 – The Hearing Heart

Luke 8:1-21

OPEN WITH PRAYER

GETTING STARTED: What experience, if any, have you had with farming or gardening? What are some keys to producing beautiful or bountiful plants?

LEARNING & APPLYING GOD’S WORD

Together, read Luke 8:1-21

1. The way Jesus treated women, ministered to their needs, and allowed them to be part of his band of followers was unparalleled in ancient history. What does this tell you about Jesus? What does it tell you about the place of women in the church today?
2. What does the soil represent in this parable? Who is the sower? What is the seed?
3. Describe the first three types of soil. What are some reasons our hearts can harden? Wither? Be choked?
4. Talk about the fourth soil. What does it mean to have a “good and noble heart.”

LIVING OUT “REAL LIFE”

1. In many ways, the first three soils represent temptations all of us face in our walk with Christ. Which of the three temptations can most distract you from maturing in your faith?
2. Which of the four soils most nearly describes you at this point in your spiritual journey?
3. What can you do to cultivate heart so it is good soil? What is God’s role in creating in you a good and noble heart?

SHARING AND PRAYER (Prayer Requests)

Take some time to share prayer requests, where you need to find God’s grace and peace. Be sure to give thanks for each other and pray for one another’s needs. When we pray together, we find the power of God.