



Introduction

- ① When was a time simply hearing something was a blessing to you? Share as you are able.
- ② How has every follower of Jesus been blessed by simply receiving and hearing good news?

1. The Word (Luke 8:4-5a)

- ① Who was this parable about? To what or whom do the elements correspond?

- ② Application: Do you look to God's Word primarily and regularly for your spiritual nourishment, or have you been led to believe you need something else? How is God speaking to you about this now?

2. The World (Luke 8:5b-8,11-15)

- ① What are the characteristics of the three bad soils?

- ② Application: What things in your life push out the Word of God? What needs to change that you might be more open and attentive to receiving the Word of God? What is your part in this? What is God's part?

3. The Heart (Luke 8:5b-8)

- ① What is the difference between the last soil and the other three?

- ② Application: Have you received the Word of God with faith and repentance? How can you continue to receive and give your whole self over to Jesus Christ?

Conclusion



When did Christ sow the Word in your heart? Who/what did He use to do it? How did your life change?



As those who have received the seed of the Word, how are we called to respond by further sowing that Word in the world?

Daily Readings

- Monday - Luke 8:4-8
- Tuesday - Luke 8:11-15
- Wednesday - Luke 8:9-10
- Thursday - Matthew 13:1-9
- Friday - Matthew 13:11-17
- Saturday - Matthew 13:18-23

Here's How to Become a Christ-Follower:

Read the following verses and ask after each one: "What does this say to me?"

All have sinned: Romans 3:23 & 1 John 1:8

There is a penalty for sin: Romans 6:23 & John 3:18

You cannot save yourself: Titus 3:5 & James 2:10

Salvation has been provided: Ephesians 2:8-9, John 3:16, & John 14:6

The conditions are simple: *Repent* - Luke 13:3, *Confess* - 1 John 1:9 & Romans 10:9, *Believe* - Acts 16:31

Now is the time for a decision: Joshua 24:15 & 2 Corinthians 6:2

Accepting Christ is Just the Beginning:

Next Steps:

- Publicly profess your faith by being baptized (Matthew 10:32-33; Luke 3:21; Romans 6:4).
- Join a church which follows the Bible, where you can grow in your faith through prayer, Bible study and fellowship with other Christians. Get involved in groups for encouragement and accountability.
- Begin a daily personal worship experience with God where you study the Bible and pray.
- Share with others what Jesus has done for you. Tell your story (Romans 10:14; Matthew 28:19-20).
- Begin to live for God (Romans 12:1-2, 9-18; James 1:19-27).