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Share the Word
Luke 8:1-21
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Using This Study

❶ EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

❷ EXPLORE His Word

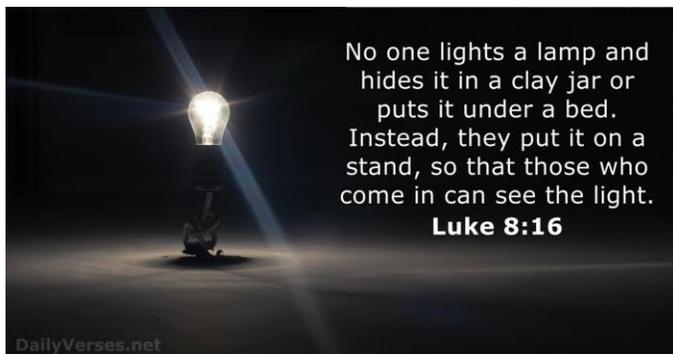
What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

❸ EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



This week we are looking at the first part of chapter 8 in the book of Luke. Jesus gives the parable about the sower. The seed, that is the word of God, is cast out along a path. The seed lands in different places and for different reasons some of it does not grow. Many times when we share the word of God it does not produce fruit. This is an important lesson for us to understand about sharing God's word. We are all instructed to share the word but we will not always be successful. Join us this week as we look at this passage and see what is important for us to know as we scatter the word of God to hearts in our community.



Luke 8:1-18

Jesus' Ministry and the Help of Women

8 Some time afterward he went on through towns and villages, preaching and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and disabilities: Mary (called Magdalene), from whom seven demons had gone out, ³ and Joanna the wife of Cuza (Herod's household manager), Susanna, and many others who provided for them out of their own resources.

The Parable of the Sower

⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from one town after another, he spoke to them in a parable: ⁵ "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled on, and the wild birds devoured it. ⁶ Other seed fell on rock, and when it came up, it withered because it had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among the thorns, and they grew up with it and choked it. ⁸ But other seed fell on good soil and grew, and it produced a hundred times as much grain." As he said this, he called out, "The one who has ears to hear had better listen!"

⁹ Then his disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰ He said, "You have been given the opportunity to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ***although they see they may not see, and although they hear they may not understand.***

¹¹ "Now the parable means this: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those along the path are the ones who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in a time of testing fall away. ¹⁴ As for the seed that fell among thorns, these are the ones who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the worries and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵ But as for the seed that landed on good soil, these are the ones who, after hearing the word, cling to it with an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with steadfast endurance.

Showing the Light

¹⁶ "No one lights a lamp and then covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed, but puts it on a lampstand so that those who come in can see the light. ¹⁷ For nothing is hidden that will not be revealed, and nothing concealed that will not be made known and brought to light. ¹⁸ So listen carefully, for whoever has will be given more, but whoever does not have, even what he thinks he has will be taken from him."

o EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.
2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.
3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.
4. Is there anything repeated?
5. What is emphasized?
6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?
7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

2 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. Who is with Jesus?

9. What is the good news in verse 1? (Consider the timeline of what has happened)

10. Is it the sower's fault, the soil's fault, or the seed's fault that some of the seed does not grow large enough to produce fruit?

11. How is the devil able to take away the word from their heart? (v. 12) Consider the sources of falling away listed in verses 13 and 14.

12. Does the sower throw seed to all soil types?

13. How does verse 16 about the lampstand relate to the sower?

③ EMBRACE His Word (Application) (For Community Group discussion)
Why does this MATTER to me?

14. Should we relate to the sower or the soil or the seed?

15. What do people need to do in order to have a heart that is good soil?

16. What is the main point of this parable?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to **KNOW**, to **FEEL**, and to **DO**...

Sermon Notes