



## Luke 8:1-21 “Are You Good Soil?”

### Supplemental Scripture

Luke 1:79; 2:49; 3:6; 4:18; 5:26; 6:39-41; 7:22-24,44 Isaiah 6:9

### Discussion Questions for Personal Life and Community Gathering

1. **Women.** Read Luke 8:1-3. Who was traveling with Jesus here? Why were they traveling with Jesus?

Focus in on the group of women Luke mentions. Why is this listing significant? What does that say about Jesus and women? Discuss the diversity that is evident in this list. What does this say about Jesus and social order?

2. **Parables.** In our study through the Gospel of Luke we will see many of Jesus’ parables. What is a parable? What is its purpose? How should we handle the parables of Jesus?

Considering Luke 8:9-10 and Isaiah 6:9, which is the effect of Jesus’ parables in light of the Gospel and the Kingdom?

3. **Soil.** Read Luke 8:4-15. Briefly retell the parable in your gathering or family worship time. What is the seed?

Break down each soil by answering the following questions:

- What is Jesus’ explanation of each soil?
- What are the characteristics of each soil (what would a person who represents this kind of soil look like)?
- What kind of fruit does each soil produce?

Spend some personal time reflecting on this passage and answer the following questions. If time allows, share some of your answers in your gathering time.

- What are the three characteristics of the good soil (Luke 8:15)?
- How does my life compare to the good soil? Am I producing this kind of fruit?
- Am I intentionally interacting with other types of soil? How can I do this?
- What is the response of my heart to the teachings of Christ? Do I find a growing love for Him or an increasingly hardening heart?
- What are the thorns in my life (Luke 8:14)?
- Read Luke 8:16-18 and pray this week that your light will not be hidden. Pray that your heart will be such good soil that the fruit Jesus produces there will be seen by “those who enter” into your life so they may “see the light.”

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*Next Week: Luke 8:22-25*