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Parable of the Sower

Luke 8:1-15

- Opening Scene, Cast of Characters (8:1-4)
- Jesus delivers Parable of the Sower (8:5-8)

- Jesus instructs his disciples (8:8b-10)

- Jesus interprets the parable (8:11-15)

Application:



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Go Deep Study Guide

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Getting Started

What did you find most helpful from this week's sermon? Was anything confusing? Is there anything that needs clarification? Discuss as a group.

If you haven't heard the sermon yet, you can access it at: www.cbcentura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read the passage [Luke 8:1-15](#) - Discuss any new insights you may have gained from the passage.

Are you able to recall the first time or an early time of hearing this oft-cited parable? Share the situation and your first take-aways.

Think of an example of hundred-fold returns resulting from a noble and pure heart, persevering in the faith.

What did it cost the women in [Luke 8:2-3](#) to follow Jesus? Why did they choose to follow and support him and his disciples?

Re-read [Luke 8:8-10](#). Then read [Isaiah 6:9-13](#), which is partially quoted in Luke 8:10. With full appreciation and acknowledgment that God's ways are not our ways, describe your reaction to this, discuss it.

Now have someone in your group read the following alternative translation (alternative, at least to the NIV that was used for the sermon): He said "Go and tell the people: 'You will be ever hearing, but never understanding; you will be ever seeing, but never perceiving'. The people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears and they have closed their eyes.'" Discuss the difference between the translations and discuss whether or not it matters.

Can you share examples (*be sensitive, mindful not to gossip or hurt anyone*) of situations where you encountered examples of the various hearts described in the parable? How did or would that have affected your approach to relating to this person spiritually?

Describe your viewpoint on a heart characterized by 'path', 'thorns', 'rock' as follows: Is there hope?

What does it mean to you to persevere (v.15)

Application

What's one way that you can practice what you've learned?

Who will help you & hold you accountable?

Prayer

Pray for each other's needs and especially the heart, for openness to the word regardless of situation, continued growth in Christ, and for fellowship of noble and pure influence.

How can your group pray for you? If you don't have a group and you're doing this study individually, feel free to email your request to the CBC staff.