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Cling to Jesus

Luke 8:16-21

Introduction

- How do you receive the Word?

- Do you "cling/hold fast" to it? (Luke 8:15)

- Are you bearing fruit?

- Have you secured a relationship with God? (Luke 8:19-21)

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.cbcventura.org

Going Deeper

Re-read [Luke 8:16-21](#). Try reading the NASB (New American Standard Bible) version and then the NLT (New Living Translation). What stands out to you? What differences do you see?

What stood out to you in our passage? Share your thoughts and observations with your group.

In your opinion, how does reading/viewing our passage as a continuation of the previous passage, rather than a completely new topic, change the way that we interpret our text? Try and give some examples.

What has been your experience in listening to God's Word? *Excitement? Engagement? Distraction? Struggle? Disinterest? Indifference?* Try and be honest. Explain what factors/experiences in your life have contributed to your present state.

How does the condition of our [heart](#) (the soil) change/affect the way that we [listen to/receive](#) God's Word (the Seed)?

Why is [how](#) we listen so important ([vs. 18](#))? What can change [how](#) we listen? What can we actively do?

Discuss the following quote from the sermon:

"It's a serious thing to hear and understand the Word of God, because we have the responsibility of sharing it with others. Everyone who receives the seed (the Word) becomes a sower, a lightbearer, and a transmitter of God's Truth!"

Read [1 Thessalonians 1:5-8](#) in the New Living Translation and talk about it in light of the previous quote.

Remind yourself of the description of the Good Seed in [verse 15](#) ([Lk. 8:15](#)). What does it mean to [cling to](#) (NLT) or [hold fast to](#) (NASB) God's Word?

Read the following verses: [Romans 12:9](#); [1 Corinthians 15:2](#); [Hebrews 3:6, 14](#); [4:14](#); [10:23](#); [Revelation 2:25](#); [3:11](#). What light / perspective do these verses shed on what it means to [cling to](#) or hold fast to God's Word?

In your opinion, what does it mean to have [spiritual roots](#)? Is there anything that we can do to develop roots?

Application

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

Who will help you & hold you accountable?

Prayer

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.

