

GROUPS DISCUSSION GUIDE

Get Into The Word

Leader Edition



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Living out our God-given calling as we follow Jesus and make disciples every day.

Introduction

In Luke 8, we will delve into the Parable of the Sower to explore how Jesus uses parables to convey deeper truths. We will focus on self-reflection and action, considering the condition of the "soil" in our hearts. Is your heart calloused, shallow, distracted, or receptive to God's Word? Let's discuss how to cultivate a heart that not only hears but nurtures the Word, leading to abundant spiritual fruit in our lives. How can we apply these insights to deepen our faith and walk with God daily?

Disciple Measure

Spirit-led Follower: What Scripture is currently shaping you?

Notes:

Discussion Questions

Understanding Parables

HIGHLIGHT

Have someone read aloud...

[Luke 8:4-8](#)

EXPLAIN

Discuss the following questions...

Opening Question: What's your favorite story or parable from the Bible? Why does it resonate with you?

1. Why do you think Jesus chose to teach using parables? How does this method of teaching impact you personally?

Have someone read aloud [Matthew 12:22-24](#).

2. Why do you think the crowd responds this way to Jesus' messianic miracle?

Have someone read aloud [Luke 8:9-15](#).

3. The sermon emphasizes that this parable is a mirror for self-reflection, not a tool for judging others. Why is this distinction important?
4. Discuss the four types of soil mentioned in the parable. Which one do you most relate to in your current season of life? Why?

Questions for Families

Here are some questions you can discuss with the whole family.

Luke 8:4-15

What do you think this Scripture shows us about how God plants good things in our hearts?

Guide younger children to think about how God wants to help us grow with good thoughts and actions, like seeds growing into plants. For older children, discuss how God offers His teachings to help us live better lives.

In this Scripture, there are different kinds of ground. Which one do you think is most like your heart, and why?

Help younger children relate the types of ground to how they feel or act, like being sometimes distracted or happy to learn. With older children, discuss the broader idea of how their attitudes and choices affect their ability to understand and act on what they learn.

How can we make our hearts more like the good soil in this Scripture?

Encourage younger children to think about simple actions, like listening to others and being kind. For older children, include more complex ideas, such as setting aside time for reflection or prayer and avoiding distractions that prevent them from focusing on important teachings.

NT 260

For next week.

WEEK: 3

- Luke 11
- Luke 12
- Luke 13
- Luke 14
- Luke 15

MEMORY VERSE: Matthew 5:5-6

Resources

Resources to Listen To

The Forgotten Jesus Podcast S4 E19



Pastor Robby dives deeper into the messianic miracle of Matthew 12. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).
(32 minutes)

Resources to Watch

Bible Project Overview Luke 10-24



A video commentary over Luke 10-24. Scan the QR code or click [here](#).
(8 minutes)

Life Group Resources

We have a variety of resources and are continually adding new ones. Some of our resources include group launch guides, on-demand training modules, and curriculum resources. To request a resource, reach out to us at groups@longhollow.com.

D-Group Resources

If you or someone you know would like to start a D-group, we have everything you need, including reading plans, journals, and a launch guide to walk you through the first four meetings.



Sermon Notes

Luke 8:4-15 CSB

As a large crowd was gathering, and people were coming to Jesus from every town, he said in a parable, “A sower went out to sow his seed. As he sowed, some seed fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the sky devoured it. Other seed fell on the rock; when it grew up, it withered away, since it lacked moisture. Other seed fell among thorns; the thorns grew up with it and choked it. Still other seed fell on good ground; when it grew up, it produced fruit: a hundred times what was sown.” As he said this, he called out, “Let anyone who has ears to hear listen.” Then his disciples asked him, “What does this parable mean?” So he said, “The secrets of the kingdom of God have been given for you to know, but to the rest it is in parables, so that Looking they may not see, and hearing they may not understand. , “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. The seed along the path are those who have heard and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. And the seed on the rock are those who, when they hear, receive the word with joy. Having no root, these believe for a while and fall away in a time of testing. As for the seed that fell among thorns, these are the ones who, when they have heard, go on their way and are choked with worries, riches, and pleasures of life, and produce no mature fruit. But the seed in the good ground #– #these are the ones who, having heard the word with an honest and good heart, hold on to it and by enduring, produce fruit.

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Spirit-Led Follower

A disciple who walks with Jesus daily, anchoring their lives to God's Word and obediently following the Holy Spirit where He leads.

Intentional Friend

A disciple who is always looking for ways to care for others and meet their needs. This is a practical way to be present in the lives of those around us.

Humble Guide

A disciple who is a humble guide takes every opportunity to help people take their next step closer to Jesus. This is someone who is constantly looking for opportunities to have Gospel conversations and speak truth into someone's life.

Force For Good

When a disciple lives out their God-given calling, they naturally become a force for good where they live, work, and play. This type of person is looking for opportunities to meet needs, heal brokenness, and bring tangible hope to the people in their life and in their community.



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