



GOSPEL | COMMUNITY | MISSION

**April 24, 2022**

**Luke 8:4-21**

**“Be Careful How You Hear”**

## **QUESTIONS**

*(potential discussion/conversation questions to use in your GGs this week)*

1. ICEBREAKER – Tony opened by sharing examples when listening is very important. Share a time when you had a comical communication mishap due to poor listening.
2. In the parable of the soils, the seed that fell along the path represents those with a hard or indifferent heart toward God’s word. What are some of the things that harden people to the word of God?
  - o How can we best engage someone whose heart has been hardened to the gospel?
3. The second soil refers to those with a shallow or superficial heart. These people fall away because they are not rooted in sound doctrine or the local church. What does it look like for us to be rooted in both doctrine and Christian community?
  - o What are some markers that you are devoted to this local church?
4. The third soil represents those whose desire for the word is choked out by the cares, riches, and pleasures of this life. What are some ways you have seen your desire for the word choked out by these thorns? How can we fight together against these particular distractions?
5. Tony mentioned that the business and cares of this life is probably the greatest threat to members in our church. Why is it important to prioritize unhurried and unhindered time in God’s word amid life’s many cares and concerns?
  - o How do we prioritize this time without neglecting our daily responsibilities?
6. Read the description of the good soil in verse 15. What stands out to you from Jesus’ description of the good and fruitful heart?
  - o What are some practical steps we can take to become better hearers of God’s word?
7. In the parable of the lamp, Jesus teaches that we should not cover up the message but rather obey it openly so that all may see its impact. What does it look like to obey the word in the sight of others?
  - o How does our obedience integrate with our gospel proclamation?
8. In verse 21, Jesus commends those who hear God’s word and obey. How can we cultivate a posture that responds to God’s word with immediate obedience?