



Luke 8:1-21 (James 1:19-25)

"You Need Light to... 'Hear'"

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Consult the Scriptures:

Luke 8:1-21

James 1:19-25

*(Other Scripture referenced: Ex. 10:21; Gen. 3, 6:5; Jn. 8:12; Is. 9:2;
1 Cor. 1:18; Prov. 4:18-19; Rom. 1:21-25)*

Discuss:

1. Try to describe what *"a darkness to be felt"* (Ex. 10:21) might be like. How do you think it would *feel*?
2. Pastor Patrick's opened with a story about a guided tour through a cave. Talk about a world plunged into darkness (*ref. Gen. 3*) and yet still thinking it can see (*c.f. Judges 17:6*). How is this possible? What role does the imagination play? Have you ever experienced it yourself?
3. Read Luke 8:1-21 and discuss. Pastor Patrick said these passages are thematically connected. How? Do you see a connection?
4. In Luke 8:18, Jesus says, "Take care then how you hear..." Why this warning? What is at stake? (*see Lk. 8:10, 15, 21*)

5. Pastor Patrick shared Larry Osborne's "Dimmer Switch Principle." What is the principle (*see Prov. 4:18-19, Rom. 1:18-32*)? How might it inform Jesus' exhortation to "take care then how [we] hear?"
6. Read James 1:19-25 and discuss. How does it relate to our text in Luke 8? What does it mean to "receive with meekness the implanted word" (*Js. 1:21*)?
7. What challenged you most about this week's sermon? What new insights did you take away? What questions do you still have?