

TO SEEK AND SAVE THE LOST
Luke 8:4-21
New Life Fellowship – Pastor Joe Green
Sunday, September 26, 2021

1. Go & _____ With The _____ Of The Word.

Luke 8:4 (NIV2011) “While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, He told this parable...”

Luke 8:5-8 (NIV2011) Jesus told this parable... “‘A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.’ When He said this, He called out, ‘Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.’”

Luke 8:9 (NIV2011) “His disciples asked Him what this parable meant.”

Luke 8:10 (NIV2011) “He said, ‘The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that, “though seeing, they may not see; though hearing, they may not understand.”’”

Luke 8:11-12 (NIV2011) Jesus said... “This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the Word of God. ¹² Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the Word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved.”

Luke 8:13 (NIV2011) Jesus continued... “Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the Word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away.”

Luke 8:14 (NIV2011) Jesus continued... “The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life’s worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.”

Luke 8:15 (NIV2011) Jesus concluded... “But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the Word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.”

Jeremiah 4:3 (NIV2011) “This is what the LORD says to the people of Judah and to Jerusalem: ‘Break up your unplowed ground and do not sow among thorns.’”

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Luke 8:16 (NIV2011) Jesus said... “No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light.”

2Corinthians 4:6-7 (NRSV) “The God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. ⁷ But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.”

Luke 8:17-18 (NIV2011) Jesus concluded... “There is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open. ¹⁸ Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them.”

Luke 8:19-21 (NIV2011) “Now Jesus’ mother and brothers came to see Him, but they were not able to get near Him because of the crowd. ²⁰ Someone told Him, ‘Your mother and brothers are standing outside, wanting to see You.’ ²¹ He replied, ‘My mother and brothers are those who hear God’s Word and put it into practice.’”

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