



WORD OF THE YEAR 2022

ROOTED

Rooted in God's Word

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Luke 8:4-18

How to be Rooted in the Word

I MUST...

1 HAVE AN **O P E N M I N D** TO GOD.

"A farmer went out to plant his seed. As he scattered it across his field, some seed fell on a footpath, where it was stepped on, and the birds ate it."

LUKE 8:5 (NLT)

"The seeds that fell on the footpath represent those who hear the message, only to have the devil come and take it away from their hearts and prevent them from believing and being saved."

LUKE 8:12 (NLT)

* The *Footpath* represents the **H A R D**

H E A D E D person.

2 MAKE TIME TO LISTEN TO GOD.

"Other seed fell on shallow soil with rock beneath. This seed began to grow but soon withered and died for lack of moisture."

LUKE 8:6 (LB)

***The Shallow Soil represents a**

SUPERFICIAL commitment.

"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 8:13 (NIV)

"So pay attention to how you hear. To those who listen to my teaching, more understanding will be given. But for those who are not listening, even what they think they understand will be taken away from them."

LUKE 8:18 (NLT)

3 REMOVE THE DISTRACTIONS.

"Other seed fell among the thorns (weeds), which grew up with it and choked the plants."

LUKE 8:7 (NIV)

"The seeds that fell among the thorns represent those who hear the message, but all too quickly the message is crowded out by life's worries, riches and pleasures and so they never grow into maturity."

LUKE 8:14 (NLT)

***The Soil with Weeds represents a**

PREOCCUPIED mind.

Greek: v.14 *μεριμνῶν*: to be pulled in different directions

4 DECIDE TO **D O W H A T** GOD SAYS.

***The Good Soil represents a **W I L L I N G** MIND.**

"Still other seed fell on fertile soil. This seed grew and produced a crop that was a hundred times as much as had been planted!"

LUKE 8:8 (NLT)

"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."

LUKE 8:15 (NIV)

"Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them."

JOHN 13:17 (NIV)

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SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS

- 1 Share one thing that stood out to you in this week's sermon and why.
- 2 What happens to the seed in each of the soils? Have you seen or experienced any of these?
- 3 In which of the soils was there a good result? Why?
- 4 What do you think Jesus meant for his disciples to learn from this parable? What can we learn from them?
- 5 How can we be praying for you this week?



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Upcoming Events

- 4.03 | First Day of Venture Registration
- 4.10 | Classic Praise
- 4.15 | Good Friday Service
- 4.17 | Easter Services & Baptisms
- 4.23 | All Church Serve Day