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Christ on Hearing God

Luke 8:4-10

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1. Be _____ (vv.4, 9-10a)

2. Understand _____ (vv.5-8a, 10b)

3. _____ (v.8b)

Luke 8:4 *And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, 5 "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. 6 And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. 7 And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. 8 And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." 9 And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, 10 he said, "To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that 'seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.'*
(ESV)

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Corinthians 1:26-31** and **Ephesians 2:1-9**. What in these passages helps to keep us as Christians from thinking that we comprehend the truth of the gospel because we are smarter or more perceptive than non-Christians?
2. Read **Psalms 119:17-19**. In your own words, what kind of prayers should we pray when we sit down to read, study, and meditate on God's word?
3. Read **Psalms 95:6-11**. How do verses like these impact your concern about receptivity to Bible study and biblical preaching?
4. Read **Revelation 3:1-6**. How does the call to "hear" take on a special urgency for an entire church in a passage like this?
5. Read **2 Timothy 2:15**. What does a passage like this encourage you to change about your study of the Bible?

This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

June 1st
2Chr. 4-6 & Jn. 12:20-50
June 2nd
2Chr. 7-9 & Jn. 13:1-17
June 3rd
2Chr. 10-12 & Jn. 13:18-38
June 4th
2Chr. 13-16 & Jn. 14
June 5th
2Chr. 17-19 & Jn. 15
June 6th
2Chr. 20-22 & Jn. 16:1-15
June 7th
2Chr. 23-25 & Jn. 16:16-33
June 8th
2Chr. 26-28 & Jn. 17

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Msg. 08-23 – **Sin & God's Necessary Aversion to It**
Msg. 14-07 – **Understanding Obedience as Christ Does**
Msg. 98-39 – **The Berean Balance: How to be Discerning without Being Paranoid**
Msg. 11-15 – **Making the Most of Daily Bible Study**
Msg. 11-27 – **The Centrality of Scripture & Expository Preaching**
Msg. 12-32 – **Luke: God's Diligent Student**
Msg. 13-31 – **Learning from the Lord of Life**

This Week's Social Media Hashtag

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For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

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