

Series: The Gospel of Luke

Sermon: Lessons from the Soil

**Passage: Luke 8:4-21 (ESV)**

Illustration:

Need: Response to the Word of God always depends on the condition of the heart of the hearer.

**I. The condition of hearts (8:4-15)**

- Hard/Path - they will not believe.
- Shallow/Rock - they initially believes but soon decide it's too hard and walk away.
- Conflicted/Thorns - they believe and begin to grow but temporary things of life choke out their faith.
- Prepared/Good - they believe and grow and patiently bear fruit over time.
- Success depends the seed and the soil, not the sower.

**II. The seriousness of response (8:16-21)**

- Those who hear the truth and obey it will receive more truth.
- Those who hear and choose not to obey the truth will be left with nothing.
- Following Christ is about more than just agreement. It's about obedience.

**III. Application Questions**

- What is the condition of your heart? What needs attention in your soil?
- Do you desire to respond to the light of Jesus today?
- Sow good seed and reflect the true light this week!