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Luke 8:4-15 Rooted questions

It will help you to read Luke 8v1-21 (In preparation keep in mind the 3 principles discussed at Rooted Hub at the beginning of term: Observation, Interpretation, Application.)

Icebreaker: What different ways are there to "listen" to someone?

The seed (v5) represents the 'word of God' (v11). What does the "word of God" mean?
Who does the sower/farmer v5 represent?

What is the experience of those whose hearts are like the path (v5, 12)? Why does the devil "come and take away" the message v12

What is the experience of those who are like the rock v6,13? What makes the seed on the rock wither/fall away v13? What do you think Jesus had in mind when he said that, v13?

What is the experience of those who are like thorny soil v7, 14? Why do you think the things Jesus mentions in v14 "choke" the message of Christ?

What is the experience of those whose hearts are like good soil v8, 15? What have they done that is different from the other groups?

What would it look like to be a member of church, while also being: path-like ground, rocky ground, thorny ground? Which type would you be most likely to become without even noticing?

Why does Jesus speak to the crowds in parables v10? What is different about the disciples v10?

What does v9 suggest is the attitude that leads to being given this?
How does this humble you as a Christian?

Who does Jesus define as being part of his family v19-21?

How does this motivate us to listen well?

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear."



Luke 8:4-15 Sunday 14 February

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Luke 6: 37 – 49 “How strong are your foundations”

You might find it helpful also to read the following verses:

Deuteronomy 6: 4 -9

Proverbs 2: 2 – 5

John 14: 23 – 24

*Icebreaker: Can you think of a situation in life where a serious accident has happened because someone didn't take the time to fully understand and put into practice what was being said?
How did that make you feel?*

In verse 46 Jesus asks an important question. Why is it that we confess the name of Jesus and yet are not prepared to be obedient to him? What is at the root of the problem?

Verses 43 to 45 are all about producing good fruit. What has Luke taught us previously about his in Luke 3: 7 – 9?

In verse 44 Jesus says that each tree is recognised by its own fruit. What sort of things should we be looking out for in those that say they follow Jesus?

How does verse 45 help us to understand what we need to get right? What's at the heart of the problem? Can we do this on our own? What things does Jesus teach in verse 47 to help put things right?

What help can you look for in John 14: 23?

In verses 37 – 42 what sorts of attitude towards the faults of others does Jesus teach us to adopt and why? What are the positive things that should characterise us as Christians?

Take time to read back to Luke 3:15 – 18; 5:31-32

Jesus says in 47 that Listening to him, understanding his teaching and being obedient to what he teaches will protect us from what? Does this spark in us a sense of urgency to make sure we are right with the Lord? Does it spark a desire to take the Gospel to others?

What things might you put in place in our lives to ensure we listen, understand and obey Jesus?
How can we hold each other accountable in our Rooted groups to help each other in or walk with Jesus?

How has this passage helped you to be motivated you to love others, and shown you what that needs to look like in your own life?



Luke 6:37-49 Sunday 7 February

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Luke 6v27-36 Rooted questions

It will help you to read Luke 6v1-36

In preparation keep in mind the 3 principles discussed at Rooted Hub: Observation, Interpretation, Application.

Icebreaker: Discuss with the group the types of people who we naturally love and who we don't naturally love?

Verse 36 governs these verses. What does Jesus expect of his followers?

What's Jesus' first basic principle for how to treat others v31.

What about when friends or contacts treat us badly? V27-29

Look through v27-30 again and think about what those scenarios would look like in the reality of your day-to-day life?

What does Jesus say about lending and giving v30?

Why should Christians love their enemies and give to them? V35-36. Look at Romans 5v8 and Luke 23v32-35?

Who do you need to treat differently?

How can you be more generous with your possessions?

How can you show God's love to an 'enemy'?

What do these verses tell us about what Jesus is summoning forgiven sinners to be?



Luke 6:27-36 Sunday 31 December