

# Certainty... in a world of doubt

## The Gospel of Luke

desert breeze  
community church

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### “Heart” Luke 8:1-21

As you grow in your intimacy with God, the more you will sense deep in your heart the delight of the only eyes in the Universe that matter, transforming every part of your life (Rom8:16; 1John3:1). What if I'm not hearing His voice like that? The heart of the problem is the problem of the heart (Pro4:23). This parable will help us to do a diagnostic check on our heart.

**THE SEED** – The Gospel/God's Word v11  
(Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 1:23; Hebrews 4:12; vv1-3)

- It is His active presence in our lives.
- It can release the very life of God in us.
- It brings us more and more into reality.

Why some get it, some don't, and why some don't last?

**THE SOIL** – The Heart (Treasure->Thoughts->Feelings->Actions)

- The deeper the Gospel goes, the greater the impact on my life.
  - ✓ Stubborn Heart vv5, 12 Pride/Fear/Bitterness
  - ✓ Shallow Heart vv6, 13 Intellectualism/Emotionalism/Legalism
  - ✓ Strangled Heart vv7, 14 Created things > Creator
- The Gospel goes deep when Christ is my greatest treasure and deepest pleasure (Surrendered Heart). vv8, 15-21; Matt6:21; Jer29:13
- Jesus used parables to weed out those who aren't really serious. vv9-10

**THE SOWER** – The Father/Son/Holy Spirit

Seeds only release their power when they fall into the ground and die.

- The Father planned our salvation, the Son fulfilled it and the Holy Spirit applies it. 1Peter 1:2

- Jesus Christ is the ultimate seed that fell into the earth and died bearing much fruit.

John 12:23-26 And Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains alone; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup> Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup> If anyone serves me, he must follow me; and where I am, there will my servant be also. If anyone serves me, the Father will honor him.

- Seeing Him do that for you will so transform your heart that living for His glory will be your greatest joy. vv15, 16, 21

### Growing Notes

- 1)** What are your thoughts and feelings in regards to the introductory statement of this Bible study? Why do you think the heart of the problem is the problem of the heart (Pro4:23)? Why is a spiritual heart check needed regularly (Ps139:23-24)?
- 2)** Read Luke 8:1-21. What stands out to you from this text? What is the seed (v11)? What are the three things that are true about the power of God's Word (Romans 1:16; 1 Peter 1:23; Hebrews 4:12)? How has God's Word helped to bring you more and more into reality, helping you to overcome temptations or trials (Ps94:18-19)?
- 3)** What is the soil? What is the heart? Review the different kinds of soil (Hearts). Which one(s) do you most resonate with you? How do you know the Gospel is deep in your heart? Why did Jesus use parables (vv9-10)?
- 4)** Who is the sower? What is the work of the Triune God in our salvation (1Pet1:2)? How is Jesus the ultimate seed (John 12:23-26)? How does seeing Christ's sacrificial love for you transform your heart at the deepest level? What is God speaking to you through this study? Pray.