

Good Dirt

Luke 8:1-15

- **“Listeners”** follow Jesus as **disciples** and prioritize **ministry**. (vv1-3)
- Jesus is imploring us to be **“listeners.”** (vv4-8)
- **“Listening”** will Reveal **Truth**; Simple **Hearing** will not. (vv 9-10)
- **Fruit** is grown by those who **“listen”** and patiently **follow**. (vv 11-15)



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FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Brian described people as coming to church for "a Show," "for a Quick Fix," or for a "Lazy Gospel." Have you ever caught yourself slipping into one of these attitudes? How can we guard against them?
2. One of the points is "'Listeners' follow Jesus as disciples and prioritize ministry." (Luke 8:2-3) What does it mean for you to prioritize ministry in your daily life? (Matthew 6:33; Luke 9:23-24; Romans 12:1-2; 1 Peter 4:10-11; Matt 28:19-20)
3. Jesus says, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." (Luke 8:8) What do you think Jesus meant by this statement in the context of the parable?
4. How does Jesus' explanation of the parable (that it both reveals and conceals truth) help you understand why some people respond to the gospel while others don't? (Luke 8:9-10; John 6:44-45; 1 Timothy 2:3-4 ; Romans 9:15-16; 2 Peter 3:9) What is your responsibility in this?
5. "Good dirt leads to good fruit in good time." What does it mean to bear "fruit with patience," and why is patience highlighted specifically? (Luke 8:15)
6. In what specific ways will you use your resources (time, talents, finances) to support the proclamation of the gospel?

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