

**Observations:**

- Read all of Luke 8. We will be focusing today on verses 1-15.
- Mark all the references to: Hear, hearing, listen, listening
- It will also be helpful to look up the meaning of these words in a Greek Dictionary.

**Verses 1-3 “Ministering Women”**

- Where was Jesus, and what was He doing? Who was with Him?
- Why do you think Luke presents this list of followers?

**Verses 4-15 “Parable of the Sower”**

- The last time I taught I passed out a handout about Parables. What are some key points to remember about parables?
- How do you correctly interpret a parable?
- On the second page of this handout is a chart, “The Parable of the Sower and the Seed” for you to fill out. Fill out the chart with information from Luke 8:4-15. Then add to the chart further insights from the parallel passages in Matthew 13:1-9, 13:18-23, and Mark 4:1-20.
- What is the “Seed”?
- What is the “Soil”?
- According to your observations of these four soils, which describes true Christianity and why?
- Does this parable help you understand what you’ve observed in different people’s lives?

- In Mark 4:10-13 and Luke 8:9-10 Jesus explains why he uses parables. Why would he use the phrase: “SEEING THEY MAY NOT SEE, AND HEARING THEY MAY NOT UNDERSTAND” and in Mark he adds: OTHERWISE THEY MIGHT RETURN AND BE FORGIVEN.”
- There is a parallel passage to this in Isaiah 6:8-10. Does this passage give you any further insight?

Types of Soil – Where the Seed was Sown			
1 <sup>st</sup> “Soil”	2 <sup>nd</sup> “Soil”	3 <sup>rd</sup> “Soil”	4 <sup>th</sup> “Soil”
Result of Sowing the Seed			
Explanation of the Soil			
Explanation of the Result			

**Verses 16-21 “Parable of the Lamp”**

How do these verses relate to what Jesus said about the previous parable?

**Verses 22-25 “Jesus Stills the Sea”**

What is the next event? Why would Jesus question their faith?