

CONSIDER CAREFULLY HOW YOU LISTEN

Luke 8:1-21

Key Verse: 8:18, "Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them."

1. What was Jesus continuing to do (1a; 4:43)? Who was with Jesus (1b-3; 6:13)? What grace had these women received from Jesus, and how did this grace enable them to serve Jesus and the Twelve?
2. What parable did Jesus tell them (4-8a)? What happened to the seed in each of the soils? What does it mean to have ears to hear (8b)? What privilege was given to whom and why (9-10)?
3. What do the different soils represent (11-15)? What do the first three kinds of heart soil have in common? What does it mean to have "a noble and good heart," and how can we do so? What hope does Jesus have for those who hear his words?
4. What is the purpose of lighting a lamp and putting it on a stand (16)? How does this relate to Jesus proclaiming the gospel (17)? What does it mean to "consider carefully how you listen" (18)? What impact will this have?
5. What did Jesus say when his mother and brothers stood outside waiting to see him (19-21)? Why does Jesus emphasize hearing God's word and putting it into practice? How does Jesus consider those who do so?