

Q: Why do people respond the way they do?

Luke 8:4-21

A Hardened Heart

Luke 8:12

- Ignoring the light (truth) I already have.
- Agreeing with Satan's lies.

Shallow Commitments

Luke 8:13 | Mark 4:16-17 | 1 Peter 4:12-17 & 1:3-9

Misplaced Priorities

Luke 8:14 | Matthew 6:25-34 | 1 Timothy 6:7-11 | Matthew 16:24-26

Weeds:

- Worries.
- Riches.
- Pleasures.

An Open Heart

Luke 8:15

- Soil has been worked.
- Yielding.
- Receiving.

Personal Challenge:

Luke 8:16-18

- Be careful how you listen.
- The only soil you can till is your own.

Many of our Life Groups use this insert as a discussion guide throughout the week. We encourage you to take that next step in your journey with Jesus & His church by joining one today! www.seekreallife.com/groups

Share your story

What insight, question, or resolution did you discover from our time of worship together on Sunday?

Have you ever heard a story, a song, or seen a movie so intriguing that it drove you to find out more about it? If so, what did you do?

As you read through Luke to Easter, what do you do when you want to dig deeper into the story?

Take a moment before you continue and ask Jesus to open your eyes to what He wants to reveal to you today.

Connect to God's Story

On Sunday, we talked about the story Jesus told of a farmer who sows his seed into four types of soil. Then to His disciples, Jesus explains the meaning. (See: Luke 8:1-15) What kind of soil (hard-packed, rocky, weedy, good) describe the people in the following passages?

• Luke 5:27-32:

• Luke 10:38-42:

• John 6:53-66:

• John 6:66-69:

• John 3:1-12 & 19:38-42:

What kind of soil would describe you today? Has your soil changed over time?

Read James 1:22-24

What does a wise person do when they hear God's Word?

What often keeps you from being wise?

Read 2 Corinthians 5:17.

Good News! We don't have to be hard, fruitless dirt. Jesus wants to change you and make you new! With Him, our soil can become good and fruitful!

What are ways you can hear God's Word this week?

When God's Word lands on your heart, do you seek understanding? If so, how?

Bearing fruit takes time. Take a minute to reflect on the last few years. What is your life producing? What would you like your life to produce?

**Therefore, if anyone is in Christ,
that person is a new creation.**

The old is gone, the new is here!

- 2 Corinthians 5:17 (NIV)

My Prayer for 2019

My Lord and Savior Jesus, thank you for your gift of grace to me. My soul hungers for you. I want to know you – not just intellectually, but relationally. I give you permission to tear down every false thought, every lie, and every stronghold the Enemy has established within me.

I will pursue my relationship with you with my whole heart. I will hold nothing back from you. I am open and willing to receive the good things you have planned for me.

I ask:

Work your good in me so that I might reflect you more.

Work your good for me so that I might receive all that you intend for me.

Work your good through me so that all around me, people will experience your love and goodness and be drawn to you.

I am open and ready for all you will do in, for, and through me.

I love you, Jesus.

Amen

Together in prayer.

As a church, let us come together in prayer:

- Praise God! We have a new power pole and supply in the new building.
- Pray for drywall to finish ahead of schedule.
- Pray for construction timeline that things continue to move on time.
- Pray for a heart that is responsive to need around you.
- Pray for the one. May God draw each person into a living relationship with Himself.
- Pray for the ongoing funding of the building project and for the safety of all workers involved.
- Pray for our city! For God to reveal Himself in transforming ways.
- Pray for boldness to reach our community with the love of Jesus.