

Jesus as told by Luke
Week's Reading: Luke 7:18-8:18
Discussion Guide: January 29, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: Jesus answered them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance." - Luke 5:31-32

In what way did you strive to "dig through a roof" this week?

OPEN:

- What stood out from this past week's reading?
- How would you describe your "receptiveness" to God's word?
 - o How open are you to allowing God's word to change the way you live on a daily basis?

READ and ASK: Luke 8:1-15

- Why do you think Luke took the time to mention the women in Jesus' following?
- What is a parable?
 - o Why does Jesus use them?
- What does it mean to "hear"?
- What obstacles have prevented yourself and/or others from receiving God's word?
 - o How have you seen this parable be true in real life?
 - o At what moments have you related to each soil (hard, rocky, thorny, good)?
- How do you see the different soils in relation to people we have seen so far in the gospel of Luke? (what people do you see as the hard, rocky, thorny, good soil?)

APPLY:

- What soil do you most resemble right now?
 - o Why do you say so?

- What can we do to improve our receptivity to the Word of God?
 - o How do you need to be a better “hearer” of God’s Word?
 - o NEXT STEP: What do you think will most help you in being responsive to God in the study of the Bible?

Memory Work:

But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop. - Luke 8:15

Next Week’s Reading:

Luke 8:19-56