

## How To Listen To A Sermon

Luke 8:4-21

### Ice Breaker:

How do you think that the huge crowds surrounding Jesus could hear the parables and sermons?

### Discussion Questions :

1. Premise: God has ordained two activities to be central to His church. They are?  
(PREACHING AND HEARING)
2. What is the RIGHT MESSAGE? (the person, work, sacrifice and resurrection of Jesus Christ)
3. Comment on: How does what is being preached to me lead me to what Jesus has done for me?
4. In Luke 8 uses Christ the metaphor of the Sower, recently I too was a Sower. Being October I reseeded our lawn. Some of my seed fell into the mulch of the flower beds, some along my gravel pathways, while more still fell on our driveway. Now two weeks later I have lovely 'baby grass' in my yards, flower beds, walkways and in the cracks of my driveway. My grass seed did what it was advertised to do...bring forth grass. How well will the new grass seedlings do in each of these "environments"? Why?
  - Mulched flower beds (shallow soil)
  - Gravel pathway (preoccupied soil)
  - Driveway cracks (hardened soil)
  - Backyard lawn (good soil)
5. Describe the following:
  - A hardened heart
  - A shallow heart
  - A preoccupied heart
  - A good and honest heart
6. What did Christ mean when he told his followers that they had been given the secrets of the kingdom of God? Luke 8:10a
7. What did it mean when Christ said that '...for others so that seeing they may not see, and hearing so that they may not understand. Luke 8:10b
8. How does listening involve response? (doing, obeying, sharing)