

Questions, Quotes and Notes

January 22, 2023

Luke 8:4-15: Be Careful How You Hear

Pre-Sermon: Here are some questions to think about to get you ready to listen to the sermon on Sunday.

1. What are some things that God's Word can do in a person's life?
2. Does it always do that? Why not?

Mid-Sermon:

The sermon this Sunday is going to be a warning. Just hearing the Word of God over and over is not enough. People can be near the Word of God. People can hear the Word of God and not benefit. **First, I am going to show you that that's possible. Second, why that's so scary and sad. Third, why that happens and then finally, the difference knowing that should make.** But, instead of having you simply focus on listening for an outline, I want to give you some important ideas to listen for. So, as you come to the service, bring a piece of paper and a pen, and see if you can answer these questions as I preach.

1. Why is it surprising that people who hear the Word of God sometimes don't benefit?
2. What questions has that caused you to ask?
3. How does Jesus' ministry show that that is possible? Specifically how are we seeing that in chapters 6 through 8?
4. Why is that so sad? What were the people missing out on the opportunity to enjoy?
5. How is the way Jesus talks about the purpose of parables different than the way we sometimes think of them?
6. Why is the fact that Jesus is making a transition to parables now scary? What does that tell you about the importance of how people respond to the Word of God?
7. Can you think of other passages where God judges people who refuse to listen to God's Word by taking the opportunity to benefit from God's Word away from them?
8. What are the different reasons Jesus gives that people don't benefit from God's Word?
9. What does a good response to God's Word look like?

Cross References:

1. Mark 4:1-20
2. Matthew 13:1-23
3. Isaiah 6:9-10
4. Proverbs 1:20-33
5. Amos 8:11-14

Notes:

- Here are some questions for your children.
 1. What passage did we study today?
 2. What was it about?
 3. Why is hearing the Word of God such a privilege?
 4. Why did Jesus start speaking in parables?
 5. What are some reasons people don't benefit from God's Word?
 6. How about you? What do you think keeps you from benefiting from God's Word?
 7. What can happen if we are not careful about how we respond to God's Word?