

Journey with Jesus

STUDY 6 Luke 8:1-56 Fruitful and Faithful?

As a community we want to draw near to Jesus Christ, as we seek spiritual renewal together from God. We want to be with Jesus, become like him and share his news with others. We are inviting everyone to join in!

Jesus continues to proclaim the good news that he is God's anointed King (see 4:17-21, 43). This chapter in Luke's gospel looks closely at what it means to live fruitful and faithful lives in his kingdom.

Chaps 4-7 Luke has recorded many different responses to Jesus' words and actions, **what have been the different responses to his teaching?**

v. 1-3 Jesus has many people following him, along with the twelve apostles and women who accompany and provide for Jesus' group of followers.

v. 4-15 Jesus is regularly ministering to great crowds of people (see also 6:17). He now tells a parable and explains why people respond to his words (v. 11) differently:

	v. 5	v. 6	v. 7	v. 8
Soil type				
Outcome				
	v. 12	v. 13	v. 14	v. 15
Response type				
Outcome				

In v. 9-10 Jesus explains to his disciples why he teaches in parables to filter out those who are not his people and then gives the explanation to those who draw closer.

What does this whole section teach us to expect as we sow Jesus' words today?

v. 16-18 **What does Jesus want us to take care about how we listen to his teaching?**

v. 19-21 **How does the surprising privilege of hearing and doing Jesus' words impact you?**

v. 22-25 In verse 25 Jesus asks them a question that makes his disciples wonder who he is (see Psalm 107:23-32). **What are you trusting Jesus for in daily life?**

v. 26-39 **How is the man described before and after encountering Jesus?** How many differences you can spot. **How do the different responses fit with Jesus earlier parable?**

v. 40-56 Jesus delays his journey to Jairus' house by healing a woman of faith along the way. **What impact does this delay have on Jairus and his daughter?**

Discuss **How does this teaching apply to our own lives and mission as a church?** For example: *Is there anything we 'stumble over' about Jesus? Do we know the woman knew who anointed Jesus' feet?*