



Week 7

Sermon Series: Followers of Jesus Do Life Together...Differently! -The Gospel of Luke

Sermon Title: „*disciples*„ **Hear a Different Kind of Life Lesson Story**

Sermon Text: Luke 8:1-21

Study Handout Week of: February 10, 2019

Group Week of: February 17, 2019

Sermon Date: February 24, 2019

BEFORE WE BEGIN: What was your takeaway from this past Sunday’s sermon?

DOCTRINE: Kingdom of God: If we understand the phrase “the kingdom of God” as “the reign of God”, there are two manifestations of it. The first aspect was the coming of Jesus Christ in fulfillment of Old Testament prophecies (Luke 11:20; 16:16; Mark 10:15;). There is a future aspect of this phrase when Christ returns to reign on this earth (Mt. 8:11-12; Luke 13:22-30). We may truly say that the Kingdom of God is “already” and “not yet.” (*Biblestudytools.com.*)

ATTRIBUTE OF GOD/JESUS: Teacher: “It is written in the Prophets: ‘They will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who listens to the Father and learns from him comes to me.” (Jesus speaking) (John 6:45); “So Jesus said, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am the one I claim to be and that I do nothing on my own but speak just what the Father has taught me.” (John 8:28); “When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.” (Matthew 7:28-29); “When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.” (Mark 6:34)

DAY 1 Read Luke 8:1-9; Matthew 13:1-10; Mark 4:1-10

1. Since Jesus’ ministry centered in Galilee, what is the name of the lake mentioned in Matthew and Luke?
2. Where did Jesus sit to address the crowd? Why?
3. Who does Luke say helped meet the support needs of Jesus and the Twelve?
4. Three “reporters” tell us of the same event. What are the similarities, differences?

DAY 2 Read Same references as Day 1.

1. Define “parable” in your own words.

2. Name the four kinds of soil and their productive capacity.
3. In all three references, the disciples were puzzled by this parable. What does their question reveal to you about their relationship with Jesus?
4. What do you do when you don't understand something you have read in the Bible?

DAY 3 Read Luke 8:10-15; Psalm 65:9-10

1. Jesus said: "The seed is _____."
2. Was there a time in your life when you could relate to one of these types of soil? Prayerfully assess what kind of soil you are at this present time.
3. Farmers knew (and know!) how important it is to prepare a good seed bed for crop production. Hard soil is ripped, disced, seeded, watered and weeded to be fruitful. What current circumstances could the Lord be using to make His word more fruitful in your life?

DAY 4 Read Luke 8:16-18

1. How would you retell this parable using modern phrases and illustrations?
2. How do you listen when God's Word is being taught? Are you thinking of your "to-do" list or fighting heavy eyelids? Share strategies with your group for getting the most of the Sunday sermon or other teaching situations.
3. What is the great encouragement of verse 18? What is the sobering warning?

DAY 5 Read Luke 8:19-21

1. The scene changes to a house. What is the difficulty presented here?
2. What is your reaction to Jesus' words in verse 21? What is His meaning?
3. How would you summarize verses 1-21 in one sentence? What needs to change to make this true of your Christian walk?

