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Luke 8:1–15 (NIV84)

After this, Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God. The Twelve were with him, ² and also some women who had been cured of evil spirits and diseases: Mary (called Magdalene) from whom seven demons had come out; ³ Joanna the wife of Cuza, the manager of Herod's household; Susanna; and many others. These women were helping to support them out of their own means.

⁴ While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ⁵ "A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds of the air ate it up. ⁶ Some fell on rock, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. ⁷ Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. ⁸ Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown."

When he said this, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear."

⁹ His disciples asked him what this parable meant. ¹⁰ He said, "The knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of God has been given to you, but to others I speak in parables, so that,

" though seeing, they may not see;
though hearing, they may not understand."

¹¹ "This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. ¹² Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³ Those on the rock are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. ¹⁴ The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature. ¹⁵ 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."

Additional Passages Used Today

Romans 1:16–17; Romans 10:14–15; John 1:14; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Ezekiel 36:8–11





DISCUSSION OUTLINE | WEEK OF 8.24.14

1. Do you do well with growing things? What is your secret to success or maybe your reason for failure?
2. What strikes you about those who are with Jesus?
3. What is a parable and why does Jesus use these?
4. Why does Jesus explain the parable to his disciples?
5. How will understanding the parable help his disciples better understand their ministry?
6. How would you tell this same parable without the use of a farm or fruit?
7. What kind of soil best represents you now?
8. If you are the seed, how does this parable help you in being more actively sharing and reproducing day to day?

