

SESSION EIGHT

LUKE: PREPARE THE WAY



Bible study is not a class you take but a rhythm you keep as a believer.

HEAR THE WORD

Watch the Session 8. Take notes on overview of the book to use as you dive into personal study this week.

READ THE WORD

Read Luke 8:1–15 each day this week. Read at least three times from the ESV and read from other translations of your choosing on the remaining days. (You can find access to additional translations at biblegateway.com if you don't have physical copies of the Bible.) On two days this week, also read Isaiah 6.



As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Luke 8:15

STUDY THE WORD

Pray and ask God to supernaturally help you retain what you have read through and learned as you answer the following questions:

1. **If Luke were writing an account of the ministry and work of the Lord in your church or community of believers, where would he ascribe credit to your service? If you are unsure, pray and ask God where you can join the ministry and work of God in your context.**
2. **Without review, explain your understanding of exegesis and hermeneutics. If you can't remember, rewatch this week's teaching video for a refresher or look in your Digging In Bible Journal.**
3. **Think back to the last time you heard the Word of God publicly preached or taught. What type of soil did that message land on when it hit your ears?**
4. **Often, Scripture describes the mystery of Christ, or the secrets of the kingdom. Think of a time when you believe the Holy Spirit enabled you to understand something previously hidden to you.**
5. **How can you be a woman who cultivates good soil in which to receive the Words of God?**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. **Discuss within your group the work of women in your church or faith community. How would the ministry look different without the service of women?**
2. **As a group of women, how are you serving the body and advancing the kingdom of God? Where are you hesitant to serve? Why?**
3. **Share with one another your struggles in "hearing" the Words of God (e.g., time, attention span, disinterest, etc.).**
4. **Brainstorm ways that you can transform your "soil" to be receptive to God's words. What do you think it means to "hold fast" in an honest and good heart?**