



DO YOU HAVE EARS?

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Introduction:



Sermon Notes

Do you have ears to hear?

(Are you _____ to _____?)

Go to _____ to truly _____ his _____.

Soil Description	Type of Hearer	Ears to Hear? (yes or no)	Outcome	Source of Life
The Path (v. 5, 12)				The _____ of _____. Go to _____ to truly _____ his _____.
The Rocky Soil (v. 6, 13)				
The Thorny Soil (v. 7, 14)				
The Good Soil (v. 8, 15)				

Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Go to Gal. 5:22 and read about the FRUIT that is produced as the Holy Spirit leads us into the truth of God's word. In what ways do you see this fruit in your life? Is it directly connected to your response to God's word and the Spirit's guidance, or are you just trying hard to produce these things on your own?
2. Now based on your fruit assessment, which soil/ type of hearer describes you best? Based on that assessment, do you have ears to hear? Are you receptive to God's word?
3. Is there any rock (hardness of heart) keeping you from abiding deeply in Christ? Are there any "thorns" (worries, riches, or pleasures) that are distracting you from the life that Jesus wants to produce in you?
4. Commit yourself to seeking God in his word. Each time you pick up God's word, ask him to reveal the following questions:
 - ◆ Who is God?
 - ◆ What has he done/ what is he doing?
 - ◆ Who am I?
 - ◆ What must I do?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 8:4-10, focusing on verse 8. What does it mean to have ears to hear?
2. Read Luke 8:11-15 and fill out the chart inside your notes together. As a group, think of a modern day example of each type of hearer (without naming specific people!).
3. Read Luke 8:15, Matthew 24:13, James 5:7, and Hebrews 10:36. What is the relationship between fruit-filled patience/perseverance/endurance and final salvation?
4. How can we make sure we have ears to hear? How can we make sure we are not deceived by the devil? Or depthless? Or distracted by the thorns of worries, riches, or pleasures?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Discuss and confess which type of soil you believe your heart is right now. Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.