

FOLLOW CLOSELY

...in Christ's Authority

TAKE CARE HOW YOU HEAR

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Introduction:



Sermon Notes

Big Idea: Take care how you hear God's word.

◆ We need to s ____:
God's word _____ the _____.

◆ We need to s ____:
God's word _____ our _____.

◆ We need to s ____:
God's word _____ us to our _____.

Personal Reflection and Application:

1. Do allow God's kingdom purposes revealed in his word to make sense of the world around you? Do you interpret everything you see, believe and experience under the beam of light cast by the word of God?
2. When you are exposed to God's word, do you allow it to expose your heart? What has he revealed to you recently from his word about the state of your heart and your walk with him? Ask him to reveal by his word the secrets of your heart afresh today.
3. How has the word of God enriched your life since coming to know Jesus? How are you stewarding the word of God so that others can see its work in your life?
4. Consider a time when you felt closer to Jesus because you submitted yourself to his word. Why does submission have that effect?

Gospel Community Discussion Questions:

1. Read Luke 8:16, Ps.119:105, Prov. 6:23 and John 1:1-4. In what ways is the Word of God similar to light? How does this analogy help us understand how to use the word of God?
2. Read Luke 8:17, followed by Luke 8:1, Luke 8:10, Eph. 3:8-10, Eph. 3:8b-13, and Hebrews 4:12-13. What hidden things does the word of God make manifest? What secret things does it make known in the light?
3. Read Luke 8:18. How have you seen God reward your stewardship of his word in your life?
4. Read Luke 8:19-20, Romans 10:16-17 and James 1:22-25. What type of relationship is available with Jesus as we submit to his word through faith? How does this motivate you to submit to God's word?

Breakout Time

Split your group into men and women to pray for one another and hold one another accountable. Share with one another how you have encountered God in his word recently (or confess if you haven't). Discuss any prayer updates and celebrate any growth or answers to prayer.