

## **Luke 8:1-21**

*Pray*

*Sermon headings:*

*Don't merely hear God's word*

*Listen carefully*

*Put it into practice*

***Read the passage***

- 1) What words or expressions show that the theme of 'hearing' runs through these verses and links them together?

***Look at verses 1 to 15***

- 2) Why do the first three types of soil not produce a crop and how does Jesus explain this?
- 3) What is different about the fourth type of soil?
- 4) What kind of 'hearing' is Jesus calling for at the end of verse 8?
- 5) How do you think Jesus wants the crowd to respond when he quotes Isaiah 6:9 in verse 10?
- 6) What detail in verses 12 reveals the seriousness of failing to listen to God's word?

***Look at verses 16 to 18***

7) Try to list some practical things you can do to help you listen carefully to God's word and the light it shines.

8) How should we understand the promise and warning of verse 18?

***Look at verses 19 to 21***

9) Why is merely hearing God's word not enough?

10) What will it mean for you to 'put [God's word] into practice'? Think about specific areas of your life and the situations you are in.

*Take time to share prayer requests and to pray about the things you've discussed.*