

Home Group

Discussion Questions



This study guide is designed to help you apply Sunday's message. Join one of our sermon-based Home Groups in order to do this study together. Visit crosspointsr.org/homegroups to find a group for you!

1. Who is the best listener you know? What makes them a good listener? What are good listening actions?
2. Look at Luke 8:4-21. Point out each reference to “hearing” or “heard” in this passage. Based on this passage, is hearing the truth enough? What more is needed, beyond just hearing?
3. Think specifically about Jesus’ descriptions of each soil type in verses 9-15. What word would you use to describe the character of each of the soil types?
4. Since most of us today don’t live off the land as farmers, what is a modern analogy you could use to make the same point?
5. Only one of the soils bore fruit. Read other New Testament passages about “fruit” in order to understand what is meant here by “bearing fruit” (here are a few to get you started: Matthew 7:15-20, Matthew 12:33, Luke 3:8-9, John 15:1-5 and 16, Galatians 5:22-23). Explain the interplay of faith and works here.
6. Jesus said the seed in the thorny soil was choked out by the “worries and riches and pleasures of this life”. What is your greatest pursuit in life today? Are the things you are pursuing going to make an eternal difference? What are the biggest distractions hindering your walk with God right now?
7. Finish by reading Luke 8:16-18. How does this parable relate to the previous one? Think about the parable of the soils from the sower’s perspective. How does this help us think about our job in sharing the good news?

Pray for the needs of each group member and for opportunities to bear fruit and shine light this week.