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## Receptivity to God's Word

### The Parable of the Sower

(Luke 8:4-8)

The seed that was sown landed on four k\_\_\_\_\_ of soil. Each soil responded differently to the seed that was sown. Similarly, the s\_\_\_\_\_ understanding of people to the parable will be different.

### The Reason for the Parable

(Luke 8:9-10; Isaiah 6:9)

Jesus explained to His disciples that He spoke in parables to d\_\_\_\_\_ those who were His true followers from those who were not. His followers would have u\_\_\_\_\_ of what He spoke.

### The Explanation of the Parable

(Luke 8:11-15)

Jesus explained that not all people will respond to God's W\_\_\_\_\_ in the same manner. Similar to the different soils, there are different conditions of the h\_\_\_\_\_ of people and their responses.

### Lessons for Us from the Parable

(Luke 10:2; Matthew 28:18-20)

- We are to be f\_\_\_\_\_ to God's word and in the sharing of it.
- We may not always get the r\_\_\_\_\_ we hope for.
- We can t\_\_\_\_\_ in God that He will bring about the harvest.

## Things to Ponder This Week

Based on Luke 8:4-8, in what manner was the seed sown? What can we learn from this example of how we are to share God's word with others? Pray and ask God to give you the boldness and love to share His word with others.

Based on Luke 8:9-10, what is the privilege of knowing God personally through faith in Jesus Christ? 2 Timothy 3:16 reminds us that *"All Scripture is inspired by God,"* and Jesus instructed His disciples that *"the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in My name, He will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said to you"* (John 14:26). Pray and ask God to give you understanding as you study the Bible. Like Jesus' disciples, we have the privilege of asking our Lord to explain things to us when we have difficulty understanding His teachings. Thank God for the special relationship you have with Him.

Based on Luke 8:11-15, what responses have you seen in the people around you to the word of God? How have you been responding to God's word? Pray and ask God to soften the hearts of those around you, as well as your own heart. Thank God for His work in Burton and Kat's life, and pray for them.

Next Sunday, we will look together at "Heeding God's Word". Prayerfully read Luke 8:16-21, and consider Jesus' warning in regards to living according to His teachings. What are the blessings of obeying Jesus and His teachings?