

“The Parable of the Sower” (Part 2)
Luke 8:16-21

“There is nothing that has greater importance than hearing what God has to say. When we hear what God has to say, we will do it, if we are saved.”

*“But He answered them, ‘My mother and My brothers are those **who hear the word of God and do it**’” (Luke 8:21). “Not everyone who says to Me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but **the one who does the will of My Father** who is in heaven” (Matthew 7:21). “Why do you call Me ‘Lord, Lord,’ **and not do what I tell you?**” (Luke 6:46). “Jesus answered him, ‘If anyone loves Me, **he will keep My word**....whoever does not love Me does not keep My words”” (John 14:23-24). “Take care then how you hear....” (Luke 8:18).*

- *“**No one** after lighting a lamp (or truly hearing) covers it with a jar or puts it under a bed (hides the truth from others), but puts it on a stand (lives and proclaims the truth), so that those who enter may see the light (hear and be saved).” (cf. Acts 26:18)*
 - The power of the Word lived and proclaimed can lead to people going from darkness to light, from the power of Satan to God, receive forgiveness of sins, and receive eternal life. Wow!
- *“For nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest....”*
 - The truth about everyone’s spiritual condition will be known. No one will be able to deceive Christ, even if they deceive others. (John 2:23-25)
 - *“I am He who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.” (Revelation 2:23b)*
- *“Take care then how you hear”*
 - Be mindful of lack of interest in hearing the Word of God preached.
 - Be mindful of my attitude and desire for God’s Word during times of difficulty.
 - Be mindful of my love for the things of this world.
 - Be mindful of the value of having, hearing, and understanding God’s Word.
- *“For to the one who has, more will be given....”*
 - “And every branch that does bear fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit.” (John 15:2)
 - “By this My Father is glorified, that you **bear much fruit** and so **prove to be My disciples.**” (John 15:8)
 - “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.” (Galatians 6:9)
 - “Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will He also reap.” (Galatians 6:7)
- *“Even what he thinks that he has will be taken away.”*
 - “But My people did not listen to My voice; Israel would not submit to Me. So I gave them over to their stubborn hearts, to follow their own counsels.” (Psalm 81:11-12)
 - “So that they may not believe and be saved.” (Luke 8:12)
 - “They believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away.” (Luke 8:13)
 - “They are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature.” (Luke 8:14)
- *“My mother and My brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it!”*

Worship: What a Friend We Have in Jesus — Various Artists
In Tenderness — The Sing Team

Glorious Christ — Sovereign Grace Music

Closing Song: Christ is Mine Forevermore — City Alight

Service Times: Sundays: Prayer 9:45a/Church 10:30a; Tuesdays: (In-Home) Bible Study: Women 6:30p/Men 7p; Thursdays: Prayer 6:20p/Church 7p

Announcements:

★**DONATIONS:** Throughout the month of August we are collecting monetary donations for the Bobb family, who live and serve in Cambodia. For more information about the Bobbs and their work in Cambodia, please see the bulletin board at the back of the sanctuary. There is a container on the back table for your monetary donations, or you can give on Venmo, please make sure to note that it is for the Bobbs.

★**CEDAR POINT:** Christina is organizing a group trip to Cedar Point on August 17th. Group Admission tickets are \$48 each (minimum of 15 people). Please contact Christina if you would like to go or you have any questions! Christina's phone number is 740-755-6512.

★**HOSPITALITY MINISTRY MEETING:** If you currently serve in the Hospitality Ministry, or if you are interested in serving in that ministry, there will be a meeting *NEXT* Sunday, August 18th, immediately following the worship service. Please plan to stay for this important meeting. If you have any questions, please see Madison Ardrey.

★**MENS BREAKFAST:** Men, mark your calendars, the monthly Men's Breakfast is scheduled for Saturday, August 24th, at 7am, at Big Apple Café — Log Pond. Please RSVP to Zach Adams by Wednesday, August 21st. (740)618-0739

★**FELLOWSHIP LUNCH:** We are having a Fellowship Lunch TODAY immediately following the worship service. EVERYONE is invited to stay to enjoy the food and the fellowship with us.