

## The Parable of the Sower - Luke 8:1-15

**Topics:** Good News, Growth, Perseverance, Satan, Testing, Worry

### Open It

1. If you were a plant, what would you be?
2. What are some things that distinguish one kind of plant from another?
- \* 3. In what areas of your life have you had to persevere?

### Explore It

4. Where did Jesus bring His message? (8:1)
5. What women do we meet in this passage? (8:2-3)
6. What facts about the women who followed Jesus do we learn? (8:2-3)
7. What did the various “supporting characters” do in this story? (8:1-4)
8. What method did Jesus choose to use in communicating His message? (8:4)
- \* 9. What happened to each group of seeds? (8:5-8)
10. How did Jesus conclude His parable? (8:8)
11. How much of the parable did the people understand? (8:9-10)
12. How much of the parable did the disciples understand? (8:9-10)
13. What did the seed represent? (8:11)
14. What was the seed on the path like? (8:12)
- \* 15. Why couldn’t those who received the Word with joy stay faithful? (8:13)
16. What choked those who were represented by the seed among the thorns? (8:14)
- \* 17. How did the seed scattered on good soil fare? (8:15)

### Get It

18. Why do you think Luke took the time to mention the women in Jesus’ following?
19. What obstacles have prevented acquaintances of yours from receiving the Word?
- \* 20. Why is perseverance necessary for all who receive the Word?
- \* 21. What kind of soil do you most resemble right now?
22. Which of life’s worries has choked your growth as a Christian recently?
23. What can we do to improve our receptivity to the Word of God?

### Apply It

- \* 24. What will most help you be responsive to God in your study of the Bible?
25. With whom can you share the truth about what Jesus means to you, that your faith may bear fruit?