

# SMALL GROUP Q'S

How's Your Hearing?

March 26, 2017

Luke 8:1-21

- 1.) What makes someone a good listener? When you have felt someone listened to you well, what things did he/she do or not do?
- 2.) What does your regular exposure to God's Word look like (i.e. in what contexts, how often, etc.)? Are these current methods and this current regularity fostering faith and fruit in your heart and life? What do you think may need to be addressed in this regard?
- 3.) Jesus highlights three "hearing problems" through three types of soil that don't produce fruit. How have you struggled with any of these problems in your own life?
- 4.) When your heart is distracted from the priority of God's Word, what is usually taking precedence over it? What other influence or treasure do you need to repent of so that it does not choke out the Word sown in your life?
- 5.) One of the reasons we often don't hear God's Word well is that we see it as generally trustworthy but not beautiful, inspiring, or indispensable. Have you thought of God's Word as a precious love letter communicating the heart of God toward you? How could you understand God's Word better in that way?
- 6.) Another reason we often don't hear God's Word well is that we have begun to wonder if it is truly trustworthy, authoritative, and reliable. What are your greatest struggles in this regard? How have you sought to get some of your deepest questions addressed, and what would it be worth to reengage your heart with your Father?
- 7.) (*From the Sermon Introduction*) In the first 3 verses of Luke 8, Luke highlights the women who were a part of Jesus's community of followers – very countercultural at the time! Has the good news of Jesus changed the way you view/treat women and/or others marginalized in our culture? How?



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