



August 12, 2018

To you it has been
given to know the
mysteries of the
Kingdom of God...

- Jesus

Primary Text: Luke 8:4-15

1. Pray (2 mins)

Pause. Acknowledge you are about to open God's word.

- Ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate His word.

2. Warm-Up (20 mins)

Prepare our minds to receive.

- How was the homework assignment? Any discoveries/questions?
- When reflecting on the message this past Sunday, what most resonated with you?
- What do we know about the book of Luke (authorship, purpose, theme)?

3. Illuminate (30 mins)

On the reverse side of this page you will find our text. Use this page to circle/underline/connect.

- Paint a picture for the setting of this parable. What was Jesus' view when speaking?
- Jesus provides an explanation of his parable in verses 11-15, what is this parable NOT about?
- The disciples asked Jesus what this parable meant. Why did Jesus give them a thorough explanation? Why was this explanation so monumental?
- If the seed is the Word of God and the soil is the condition of the human heart, how can we as Christians measure the health of our "soil?"
- How does this parable give us reassurance as we share the gospel with friends and family?
- The truths of the Bible are meant to be shared. Given the opportunity, could you now explain this text to someone else in your own words? Anyone brave enough to try it now?

4. Pray (10 mins)

Learn what the Bible says about prayer. Close in prayer.

Trinitarian Prayer Structure:

- Pray to the Father
- In the power of the Spirit
- By the authority and merit of the Son

TEXT: Luke 8:4-15 – The Parable of the Sower

⁴And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, ⁵“A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. ⁶And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. ⁷And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. ⁸And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold.” As he said these things, he called out, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”

⁹And when his disciples asked him what this parable meant, ¹⁰he said, “To you it has been given to know the secrets of the kingdom of God, but for others they are in parables, so that ‘seeing they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.’” ¹¹Now the parable is this: The seed is the word of God. ¹²The ones along the path are those who have heard; then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. ¹³And the ones on the rock are those who, when they hear the word, receive it with joy. But these have no root; they believe for a while, and in time of testing fall away. ¹⁴And as for what fell among the thorns, they are those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by the cares and riches and pleasures of life, and their fruit does not mature. ¹⁵As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience.

Homework: Ready your heart for Sunday ([Ready resources - warrenbaptist.org/ready](http://warrenbaptist.org/ready)).

1) Read Luke 10:25-37 – Parable of the Good Samaritan

2) How would you summarize this parable to someone who had no knowledge of it?

3) Additional Notes/Questions:

4) Bring this with you to your next Life Group for discussion.