

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.

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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.”

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As He said these things,
He called out,
“He who has ears to hear,
let him hear.”

—Luke 8:4-8 ESV

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A parable is a simple word picture
with a profound spiritual lesson.

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The Seed

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The Bible is described in many ways:

Light that shines	Psalms 119:105
Fire that consumes	Jeremiah 23:29a
Hammer that shatters	Jeremiah 23:29b
Bread that sustains	Matthew 4:4
Milk that nourishes	1 Peter 2:2
Sword that pierces	Hebrews 4:12-13
Mirror that reveals	James 1:23
Seed that reproduces	1 Peter 1:23

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... since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God.

—1 Peter 1:23 ESV

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OUR CORE VALUES

At Warren, we're about a way of life that embraces the following core values described in Acts 2:42-47.

- + WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD
- + AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY
- + RELIANT STRENGTH
- + RADICAL STEWARDSHIP
- + EFFECTIVE ENGAGEMENT
- + NEIGHBORS AND THE NATIONS

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“Worship is the first activity of our church and affects everything we do. We believe all true worship is dependent on the knowledge of God. The Bible is the perfect revelation of God—who He is, what He does, and why He alone is worthy of all worship and praise.

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We don't worship the God of our imagination, but God revealed in time, history and revelation through the Scriptures. Worship begins and ends with the Word of God reflected in music, prayer and teaching. We gather to confess and celebrate 'God is worthy' and depart to live 'for His glory.'”

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The Sower (Luke 8:5)

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In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us. —John 1:1, 14 ESV

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“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be My witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” —Acts 1:8 ESV

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The Soils

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The Soils The Skeptical Hearer
Luke 8:12

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³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. —2 Corinthians 4:3-4 ESV

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As it is said, “Today, if you hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion.” —Hebrews 3:15 ESV

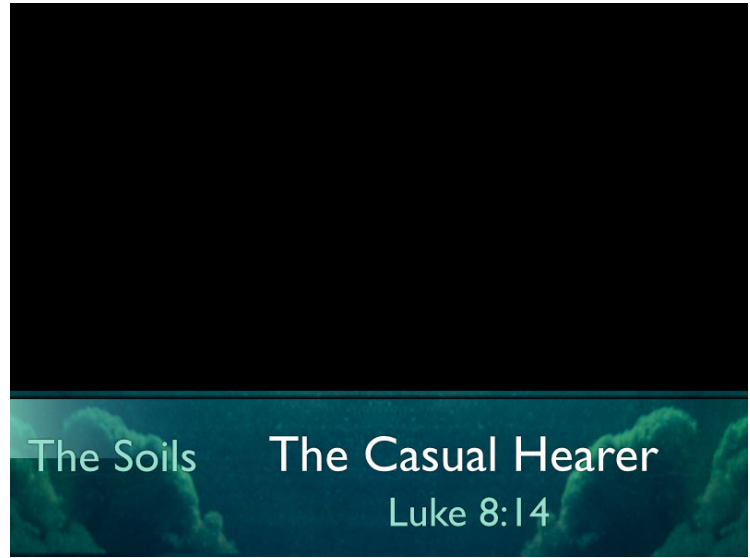
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The Soils The Emotional Hearer
Luke 8:13

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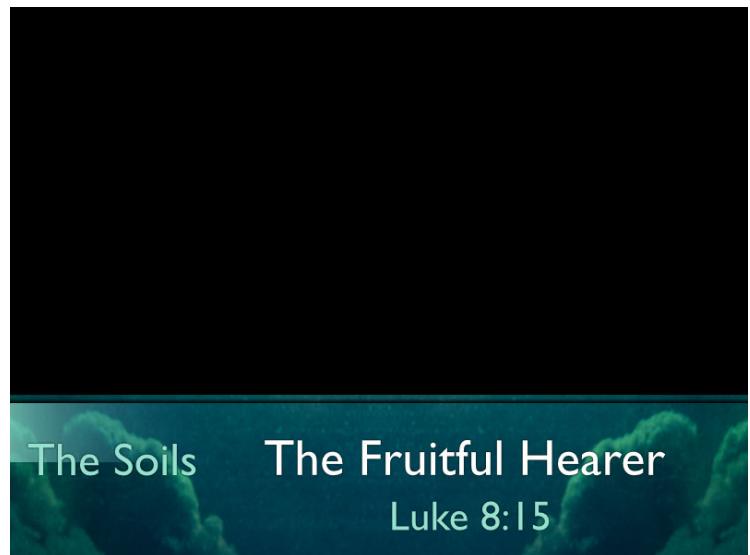


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²¹Therefore put away all filthiness and rampant wickedness and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. ²²But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

—James 1:21-22 ESV

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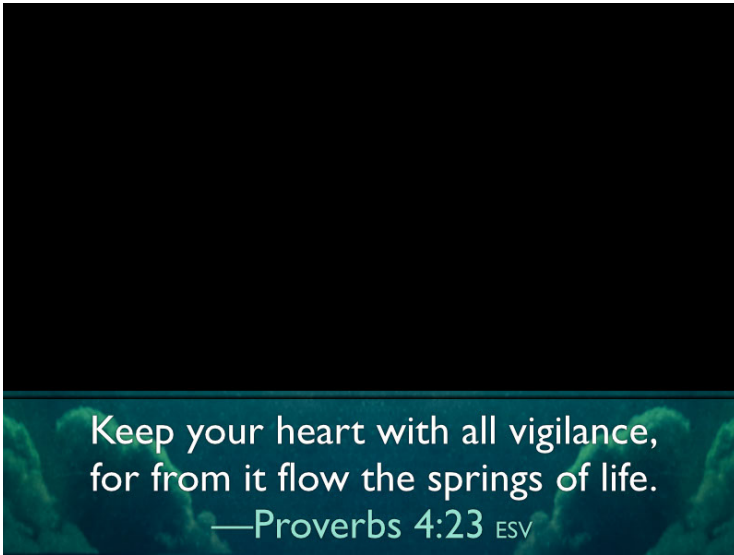
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He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers. —Psalm 1:3 ESV

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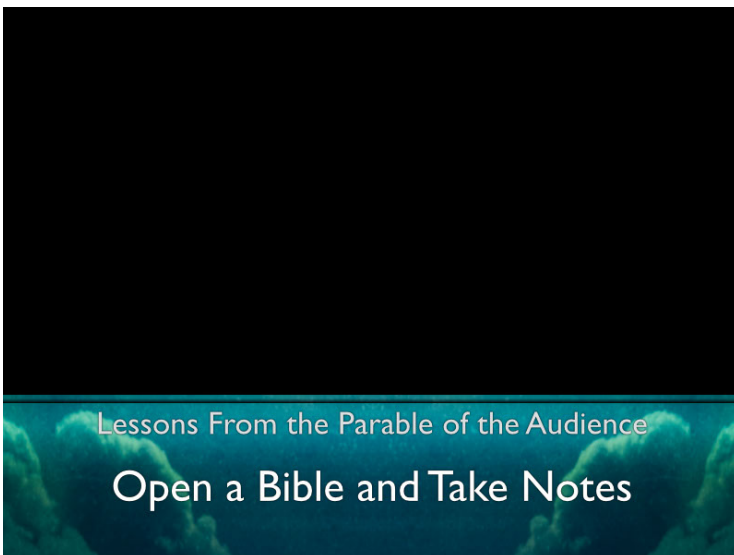
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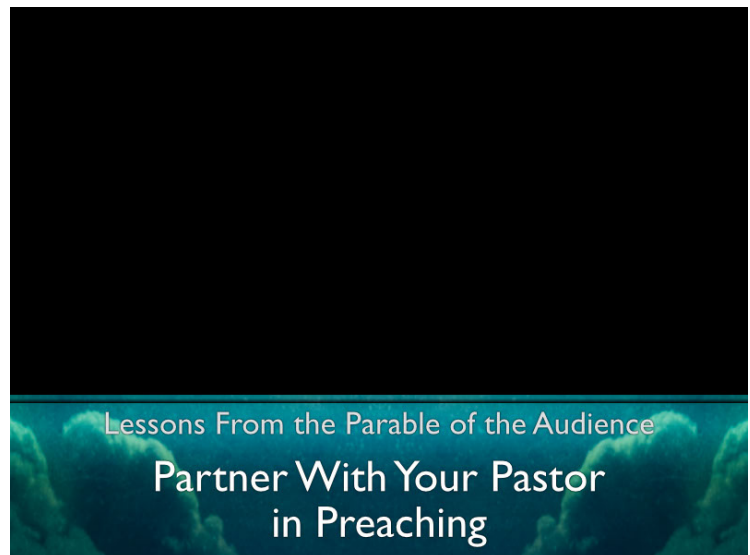
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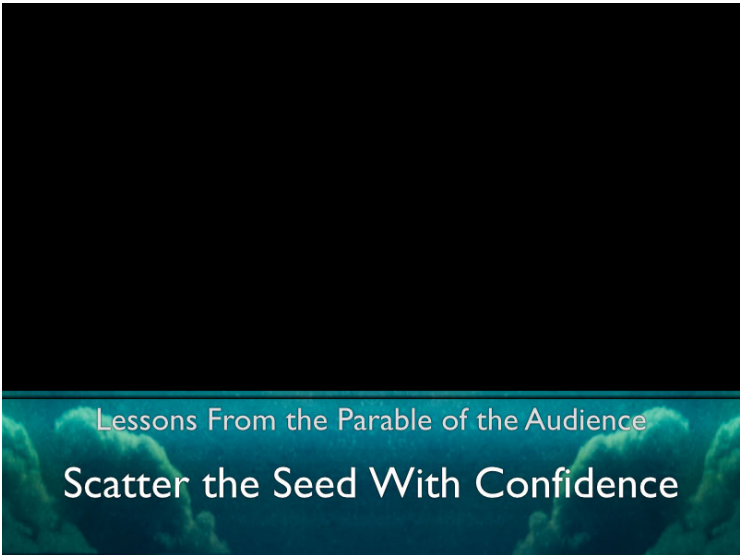
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Lessons From the Parable of the Audience

Always Ask, “What Now?”

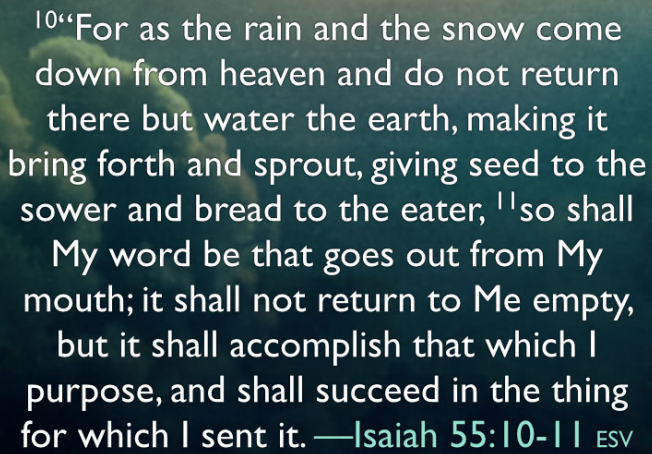
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Lessons From the Parable of the Audience

Scatter the Seed With Confidence

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¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, ¹¹so shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; it shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. —Isaiah 55:10-11 ESV

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