

Luke

Lecture 9: Chapter 8

8:1-15 – Jesus tells the parable of the sower

Mary...Joanna... – they will become important witnesses on Easter (Luke 24:10)

he told this parable – another title for it: parable of the soils

the path...rock...thorns...good soil – 4 different soils

the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom – Greek: "mysterion" / secrets or mysteries?

seeing, they may not see... - Jesus quotes Isaiah 6:9; the reality of many who don't listen!

the seed is the word of God – this theme follows into the next teaching part (v. 16-21)

An application: The work of sharing the word can, at times, be _____. We're reminded that the seed of God's Word needs to continually be spread, and that some of it will fall on good soil; in other words, we should not give up, for some will believe God's Word and be _____. (Cf. baseball batting average)

8:16-25 – Jesus teaches / Jesus calms the storm

lights a lamp – letting the light of the Word shine (church is lifesaving station, not a club!)

Whoever has will be given more - faith in Christ...forgiveness...fruit of Spirit...heaven, etc

Jesus' mother and brothers - namely: James, Joseph, Judas, and Simon (Mark 6:3)

My mother and brother are those who... – we're His family, too! (cf. "Jesus" movie)

he rebuked the wind and the raging waters - a simple word does it (Mark 4:39)

"Where is your faith?" - it's not about the storm, but about their faith

"Who is this?" - Psalm 107:29 tells us... it's the LORD!

An application: We often get caught up in the "stuff" happening around us and to us, distracting us and causing us to forget that the _____ is ("in the boat") with us and does not forsake us. Such times call for _____, not fear.

8:26-39 – Jesus heals a demon-possessed man

a demon-possessed man...lived in the tombs – both a pagan and an "untouchable"

a large herd of pigs...was drowned - a foretaste of the final judgment (Rev. 20:10)

they were overcome with fear - sinful man before a holy God (remember Peter? - Luke 5:8)

tell how much God has done for you – he's a witness before the apostles were!

An application: Being a _____ isn't about following complicated formulas and detailed outlines. It is a simple sharing from one heart to another. We don't have to argue or prove anything. We simply share what God has done for _____, and leave the rest in God's hands.

8:40-56 – Jesus heals Jairus' daughter (and a woman along the way)

a man named Jairus – contrast him w/previous man... yet, both were helpless

the crowds almost crushed him... "Who touched me?" - an astounding moment

your faith has healed you - faith in Jesus...not a mechanical cure

"Don't be afraid, just believe" - have faith...not fear

They laughed at him - God's truth isn't always appreciated

"My child, get up!" - same as the widow's son (7:14); and US at Christ's return!