

Sermon Notes

Insights from Luke

#24 – “Perhaps the Most Familiar of All of Them –
The Sower Went Out to Sow” – Luke 8:1-15

- I. Where we have been and where we are headed.
 - A. Parables covered thus far.
 1. Two shorter
 - a. _____
 - b. _____
 - B. Today, the longest so far.
 1. “The Parable of Parables”
 - a. Because: _____
 - C. Parables are stories
 1. Two rules for understanding.
 - a. Interpretation of the first century.
 - b. Then make application.
 - D. Luke notes some special women.
 1. Remember that women are one of the outsider groups in the first century.
 2. He has already featured several women.
 - a. Examples
 3. They were faithful disciples.
 - a. John William Burgon
 - E. Luke 8:2-3
 1. Particulars about these women:
 - a. Mary Magdalene
 - b. Joanna
 - c. Susanna
 2. Remarkable that Jesus included them in the instruction.
 3. Supported Jesus and the disciples.
 4. They were faithful to the very end.

II. Exposition

A. Luke 8:5-8

1. Bad Soil, verse 5.
 - a. Impenetrable – Those who hear but outright reject it.
 - b. See Luke 8:12
 - c. How the devil takes away truth
 - False teachers – Matt. 7:15-20
 - Fear of Man – John 12:42
 - Embarrassment over Christ – Matt. 10:33
 - Pride – James 4:6
 - and Love of Sin – John 3:19
2. Rocky Soil, verse 6.
 - a. Superficial profession of faith
 - b. See Luke 8:13
3. Thorny Soil, verse 7.
 - a. Truth choked not because of suffering but from pleasure.
 - b. See Luke 8:14.
4. Good Soil, verse 8.
 - a. Produces salvation.
 - b. See Luke 8:15
 1. Understand the Word.
 2. Hold Fast
 3. Bears fruit including A_____ and A_____.

III. Points for Reflection

- A. Parables remind us that it still takes the Holy Spirit to provide complete understanding.
- B. Jesus’ instruction leaves little ambiguity with regard to assuming people are Christian because they attend church.
- C. We have been invited to dinner and now we are here, but how did we really arrive here?