



Today's Topic: Inspired Effort

Luke 8:1-8

Sunday, May 15, 2022

1. Unlimited _____

“While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: ‘A farmer went out to sow his seed’ ‘The seed is the _____.’” Luke 8:4 5a, 11b (NIV, 2011)

2. Unrealized _____

Hard soil along the path	Devil prevents impact
Rocky soil that does not hold water	Undeveloped faith prevents impact
Thorny soil that chokes growth	Worries, riches, and pleasure prevent impact

Summary of Luke 8:5b-7; 12-14

3. Exponential _____

*“Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, a hundred times more than was sown.... But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.”
Luke 8:8a, 15 (NIV, 2011)*

The Point:

Next Steps: Plant a few good seeds this week!

Discussion Questions:

1. What inspires people to reach their full potential?
2. Read Luke 8:1-3. What strikes you about the women that accompanied Jesus and the Twelve disciples?
3. Read Luke 8:4-8. What basic farming truth is Jesus describing in order to make his point.
4. Read Luke 8:8-10. Why does Jesus say He speaks in parables? Why will some people understand Him, while others will not?
5. Read Luke 8:11-15. Describe what each element in the parable represents: the farmer, seed, plants, ground along the path, rocky ground, thorny ground, and good ground.
6. Where do you see yourself in this parable? Are we like the farmer, the plant, perhaps a little of both?
7. What do you think is the central point that this parable teaches about the kingdom that Jesus is building?
8. What truth from this study will you think about and try to apply throughout the coming week?