

THE GOSPEL

ACCORDING TO ST. LUKE

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Hearing and Doing | Luke 8:16-21

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S U M M A R Y

After our Lectio Month, we are back in the Gospel of Luke. This past weekend we considered the importance of hearing God and how we can do that. How we listen and who we ultimately listen to, produces fruit in our lives that cannot stay hidden or concealed. The good news is that as we tune into the voice of Jesus and live responsively to him, we begin to live more fully into His way of life.

R E A D

Luke 8:16-21

Pause. Take time to prayerfully consider what has been read,

D I S C U S S

These verses flow directly from the Parable of the Sower in Luke 8:4-15 as the theme of listening and how we hear is at the heart of what Jesus is teaching in this section.

- 1) What is Jesus referring to in verse 17? What are the hidden and concealed things that will be brought into the light?
- 2) What specifically is Jesus speaking about in verse 18? How does this relate to the theme of listening to his words? The next few verses can seem harsh in the way Jesus treats his mother and brothers.
- 3) What do you think is happening and what lesson is Jesus giving to his followers?
- 4) What good news is there for us in these verses? Learning to hear God's voice and live responsively to him is central to

what it means to follow Jesus and experience fullness of life.

- 5) What is your experience of hearing God speak? What frustrations or obstacles do you encounter in hearing/listening?

We looked at a number of avenues through which God speaks to us (Invitation, Scripture, Teaching, Creation, Music/Art, Conviction of right and wrong, Burdens for others).

- 6) Which one or two ways do you feel God speaks to you most naturally?
- 7) Which ways would you like to grow in or try out?
- 8) What role does responsiveness play in how we grow in our hearing?

R E S P O N D

Pause and ask Jesus a question. Take note of what you hear. Pray together about how you'd like to respond

*Share how the Spirit is inviting you to respond today and the week to come – to **be with** Jesus, to **become like** Jesus, or to **do what** Jesus does.*

P R A Y

Pray for open ears and soft hearts to the voice of God

Pray for courage to put into practice what we hear

Take time to wait and pray together. What is Jesus praying for? Come into agreement with His prayers.

