

November 3, 2019

Heeding God's Word

Things to Ponder This Week

Introduction/Review

(Luke 8:11-15)

- The seed is the w_____ of God, and it is spread (scattered) on different types of conditions of the h_____ of people
- We will not always get the results we hope for
- We are to be f_____ to God's word and in sharing it
- We can trust in God that He will bring about the harvest

True followers of Jesus will be evident

(Luke 8:16-18)

- As light cannot be h_____, God's Word sown in a person's life will be evident
- Listening to Jesus is not enough
- True followers continue to bear fruit, and therefore continue to s_____ God's word to others
- Those who claim to have God's word but really do not will be left with n_____ to show for it

True followers of Jesus are part of His family

(Luke 8:19-21; James 1:22-24)

True followers of Jesus:

- have an i_____ spiritual and familial relationship with Him
- hear the word of God and _____ it

The evidence of being true followers of Jesus will be seen in God's w_____ in their lives and their r_____ to God.

Based on Luke 8:11-15, in what manner is the word of God sown? What are the different conditions of people's hearts and their responses to God's word? What is the evidence of God's word taking root and truly growing in a person's heart? Has this been your own personal experience? Why or why not? Sincerely seek God's blessings upon your life by regularly being in His word and living it.

Based on Luke 8:16-18, in what way is having God's word like lighting a lamp? What is the purpose of lighting a lamp? What is the purpose of having God's word? How well do you understand God's word, and what are you doing with that understanding? Prayerfully seek ways in which you might share God's word with others.

Based on Luke 8:19-21, who are those who are considered Jesus' family? Who are your family members based on what Jesus said? In what ways does knowing this give you encouragement and comfort? How does your understanding and living out God's word help in your relationship with God and your family?

Next Sunday, we will look together at "Jesus' Authority Over Nature". Prayerfully read Luke 8:22-25, and consider what it must have been like for the disciples to be on the boat with Jesus. What are the implications of what Jesus did?