



Sermon Discussion Questions  
Sunday, March 8, 2026

Luke 8: 4-15  
**Hearing & Growing**  
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- **Jesus says, “He who has ears to hear, let him hear.”** What does it look like in practice to *truly listen* to God’s Word rather than just hear it? What distractions or habits most often keep you from hearing it deeply?
- **The parable describes different kinds of soil to point us to our heart-readiness for the Word.** Which of these soils do you most often see in your own heart right now?
- **Spiritual growth often unfolds slowly, like a seed growing.** Where have you seen small but meaningful growth in your life over time? How can recognizing slow growth change the way you evaluate your spiritual life?
- **Jesus is the gardener who removes thorns and softens hard soil.** What specific area of your life do you need to bring to Christ right now and ask him to cultivate, change, or deepen?