

Ears to Hear

Luke 8:4-21

Introduction

1. This lesson is foundational to understanding all of Jesus' parables. Mk. 4:13.
2. Let's put ourselves into the situation. Luke 8:8 gives insight.
3. What is the main topic of Jesus' parable?

A. The main topic of this parable is listening. Luke 8:4-8

B. It's possible to see, but not see and hear. Luke 8:9-10

The seed is the word of God. Luke 8:11

1. It comes to us in many ways.
2. It always comes in seed form.

There are four kinds of listeners. Luke 8:12-15

1. The careless listener. 2 Cor. 4:3-4
2. The overwhelmed listener. Heb. 6:4-6
3. The occupied listener. Matt. 6:19-20
4. The determined or careful listener. I Thess. 1:6-8

How does one listen? Luke 8:16

1. Put the word in a prominent place in your heart.
2. Use it until it is applied to every area of your life.

A Warning and a Contrast - Luke 8:17-18

1. The main point of the parable: Take care how you listen.
2. The blessing of the determined listener contrasted with the deluded listeners.

Do you have ears to hear? Luke 8:19-21