

# JESUS

ACCORDING TO

*Dr. Luke*

*Take Care How You Hear*  
**LUKE 8:4-18**

*“As He said these things, He called out,  
“He who has ears to hear, let him hear.””  
(Luke 8:8b)*

## **A) WHY DOES JESUS SPEAK IN PARABLES?**

*I. To Reveal (v. 10a)*

*II. To Conceal (v. 10b)*

## **B) THE EXHORTATION: “Take care how you hear” (v. 18a; cf. 8b)**

## **C) WHAT IS JESUS SAYING AND WHY DOES IT MATTER?**

*I. The Seed*

*II. The Sower*

*III. The Soils*

The  
*Hardened*  
Soil

The  
*Shallow*  
Soil

The  
*Thorny*  
Soil

The  
*Good*  
Soil

## REFLECTION + DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

Series: Jesus According To Dr. Luke

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1. The disciples didn't understand the meaning of the parable. Imagine for a moment that you didn't have the explanation from Jesus on this parable: Do you think you would have understood all Jesus meant by each symbol/element? What does this teach us about the nature of parables?
2. Parables seem difficult to understand for many. Why, then, does Jesus speak in parables?
3. How do parables "conceal"? How do parables "reveal"?
4. What does the seed represent in this parable?
5. Who is the sower in this parable?
6. Consider the soils. The first three soils remind us of the Christians' three enemies: the world, the flesh, the devil. In this way, how is "hearing God's Word" spiritual warfare?
7. What makes the "good soil" good? What's the evidence that the seed has been planted in good soil?
8. Why is it important that we "take care" how we hear? How do we do this?
9. How can you apply the teaching in this parable to your everyday life?