

**COMMUNITY GROUP STUDY GUIDE****4 Kinds of People**

LUKE 8:1-21

**OVERVIEW**

Luke is the longest and most comprehensive of the four Gospels, presenting Jesus as the Perfect Man who came to save sinful men. Growing belief and growing opposition develop side by side. Those who believe his claims are challenged to count the cost of discipleship; those who oppose him will not be satisfied until the Son of Man hangs lifeless on a cross. But the resurrection ensures that his ministry of seeking and saving the lost will continue through his disciples once they have been equipped with the indwelling Holy Spirit. Luke reveals that Jesus is the King, and he has come to inaugurate his Kingdom. (Adapted from *Talk Through the Bible*).

**APPLY // LUKE 7:36-50**

1. Read Luke 7:36-50.
2. How are we tempted to act like Simon?
3. How does Jesus' words to the woman grow your love for him?
4. How can we foster a church that tenderly and graciously treats sinners like Jesus treats this woman?

**OBSERVE & INTERPRET // LUKE 8:1-21**

Study the passage of Scripture aiming to faithfully interpret and apply what you observe. Remember we study God's word not just to increase our knowledge, but to increase our trust in and treasuring of Jesus Christ.

**Overview/Big Idea:** Jesus challenges us to examine how we hear and respond to the Word.

1. Read Luke 8:1-3.
2. What is the good news of the Kingdom of God? What is the Kingdom of God?
3. What do you notice about Jesus' traveling companions? What can we learn about the good news of the Kingdom of God from this list of individuals?
4. Read 8:4-21.
5. What's the overarching theme of these verses?
6. In verses 4-8 Jesus sets up the parable and ends by saying "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." What does Jesus mean?
7. What do you notice about the disciples in verse 9? How does that help understand what Jesus means in verse 10?
8. Discuss the 4 types of soils in verses 9-15. What's the same about each? What's different?
9. In verses 16-18, what do you think the light symbolizes?
10. What is the significance of the lamp illustration?
11. What does Jesus mean by His statement in verse 18?

12. How does the lamp illustration relate back to the soils parable?
13. Explain what happens in verses 19-21. What does Jesus mean in verse 21?
14. How does Jesus' statement in verse 21 relate back to the soils parable?

**Note:** *In this discussion, we could easily talk about hearing and doing without getting to the gospel. That wouldn't be a Christian discussion 😊 That said, make sure to think about how the gospel of Jesus Christ informs, enables, empowers our hearing and doing.*

- General Bible study questions:
  - **God:** What does this passage teach me about the character of God?
  - **Humanity:** What does this passage teach me about myself and my need for God?
  - **Christ:** How does this passage teach me that God has met my needs in the person and work of Jesus Christ?
  - **Response:** How should I respond with my affections and my actions?
  - **God:** How does this passage help me hope in heaven?

## ACCOUNTABILITY

Relationships developed and deepened during accountability provide regular encouragement, and when necessary admonition, to spur each other on to delight in the supremacy of Jesus Christ. Ask one another heart-probing, clarifying questions, and help each other apply the gospel to your lives.

**QUESTION:** How does Jesus words to Simon and the woman in Luke 7 encourage you? Challenge you?