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**Jesus Talks Part 2**  
*Ideas Worth Spreading*

**USING THIS SERMON DISCUSSION GUIDE**

We have provided all the Scriptures referenced in the sermon and some discussion questions for you to use to facilitate a discussion.

This Sermon Discussion Guide is only a tool to aid you in meeting the needs of your group. For most groups, there are too many questions to answer in one session together.

While the questions are important, remember your small group's goal is not to pound through the questions but to create an atmosphere that will foster true friendships, so knock yourself out with the discussion questions but spend more time laughing than answering the questions.

**[Luke 8:4-8]**

<sup>4</sup> While a large crowd was gathering and people were coming to Jesus from town after town, he told this parable: <sup>5</sup> “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path; it was trampled on, and the birds ate it up. <sup>6</sup> Some fell on rocky ground, and when it came up, the plants withered because they had no moisture. <sup>7</sup> Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up with it and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup> Still other seed fell on good soil. It came up and yielded a crop, **a hundred times more than was sown.**” (*hundredfold*) When he said this, he called out, “Whoever has ears to hear, let them hear.”

**[Luke 8:11-15]**

“This is the meaning of the parable: The seed is the word of God. <sup>12</sup> Those along the path are the ones who hear, and then the devil comes and takes away the word from their hearts, so that they may not believe and be saved. <sup>13</sup> Those on the rocky ground are the ones who receive the word with joy when they hear it, but they have no root. They believe for a while, but in the time of testing they fall away. <sup>14</sup> The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they

do not mature. <sup>15</sup> But the seed on good soil stands for those with a noble and good heart, who **hear the word, retain it, and by persevering produce a crop.**

### **THE IDEA WORTH SHARING:**

*"The soil of your heart determines the fruitfulness of your heart."*

#### **1. Present your whole heart**

**[Proverbs 23:26]**

*O my son, **give me your heart.** May your eyes take delight in following my ways.*

**[Psalm 119:2]**

*Blessed are those who keep His testimonies, Who seek Him with their whole heart!*

**[Jeremiah 29:13]**

*You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.*

#### **2. Protect your heart (tend it)**

**[Proverbs 4:23]**

*Guard your heart above all else, for it determines the course of your life.*

#### **3. Plow it up**

**[Hosea 10:12]**

*Plant the good seeds of righteousness, and you will harvest a crop of love. Plow up the hard (fallow) ground of your hearts, for now is the time to seek the LORD, that he may come and shower righteousness upon you.'*

## **DISCUSSION QUESTIONS**

1. Which one of Jesus parables is your favorite?
2. Read Luke 8: 4-8, 11-15
  - a. Share which soil your heart has experienced or is experiencing?
  - b. Have you ever experienced the "hundredfold" blessing?
3. What does the phrase "Give God your whole heart" mean to you?
4. How can we protect our heart?
5. Do you know anyone with a soft, tender heart? What's it like to hang out with them?
6. How can we plow our hearts?
7. How can we help each other identify the areas of our hearts that need to be tilled? How can we encourage each other toward a heart that is good soil ready for the seed of God?