

How we hear (our soil) determines how we bear fruit. If we are bearing the fruit of God's Word, Jesus says our fruit will continue to increase. Is the Word bearing increasing fruit in your life? Give some examples. If not, why do you think that is? What kind of fruit do you most desire to bear and why?

Read Matthew 21:28-32. What does this parable teach us about obedience? How are you doing what you are hearing from God's Word? Give some recent examples of how you are obeying as God reveals His Word to you. When you disobey God's Word, what is your reaction? What does this reveal about your desires?

3. APPLY THE TRUTH

Does your life show a persistent (though not perfect) pattern of obedience to God's Word that proves you are His child? If not, what do you need to do about that? If you are unsure, ask your Small Group leader for help.



THE FAMILY OF JESUS

October 27, 2024

Luke 8:16-21

**I AM A _____ OF GOD IF
I AM MARKED BY THE _____ OF GOD.**

I. God's children _____ His Word. – v. 16-17

Am I marked by a desire to _____ God's Word?

II. God's children bear the _____ of His Word. – v. 18

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SMALL GROUP APPLICATION QUESTIONS

1. STUDY THE WORD

Read Luke 8:16-21. At first it may seem like Jesus has moved on to a new topic, but He hasn't. How can we know these verses are connected back to the Parable of the Sower (v. 1-15)? How does the Parable of the Sower help us understand and interpret these verses? What are some out of context interpretations or applications you have heard for these verses?

2. ASSESS YOUR LIFE

To shine the light, you have to know the Gospel. List all the parts/pieces of the Gospel you can think of and why each part is important and necessary. How are you prone to hide the light of the Gospel "under a jar" in your life? Are you marked by a desire to share the Gospel? If not, why?

Am I marked by a desire to _____ the fruit of God's Word?

III. God's children _____ His Word. – v. 19-21

_____ Family > _____ Family

Am I marked by a desire to _____ God's Word?

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This Month: \$

Last Month: \$56,055

Monthly Budget: \$44,759

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