

Ears to Hear Luke 8

I. Purpose of Hearing – 8:1-3

1. Not just ears that function
Is our auditory system functioning?
2. Not just intelligent reception
Did you understand the words that were spoken?
3. The issue is in your response
What do you do with the message you heard?
4. Responding to Jesus' teaching – 8:1-3
Jesus went through villages with Good News
The 12 followed Him
Certain women followed & supported Him

II. Parables on Hearing – 8:4-21

1. Parable of the Sower – 4-15
Sower scatters seed in his field
Seed falls different kinds of soil – 4-7
Responsiveness of the soil is the issue
Path, packed down soil – birds eat the seed
Rock outcrop – little topsoil – no root, withers
Among thorns – sprang up but choked out
Good soil – produced fruit
Jesus challenges us to respond – 8
Jesus explains purpose of parables – 9-10
Responsive hearts will understand His words
Others will not get the message
Jesus explains the parable – 11-15
Seed is the Word of God
Harden path – like birds Satan snatches seed
Shallow soil – respond but no root, soon wither
Among thorns – distracted by other things
Good soil – respond by doing what is said
2. Parable of a lamp – 16-18
Purpose of a lamp is to give light
Make use of the light that you are given
If you use it you will be given more
If you do not use it you will lose it

III. Hearing & Family – 8:19-21

1. Family members come to see Him
Opportunity to link hearing & relationships
They come to communicate with Jesus
2. Jesus is not rude or disrespectful to family
Note His care for His mother at the cross
3. Point is, relationships need hearing
If we are in His family we must respond to Him

IV. Hearing and Faith – 8:22-25

1. Jesus gives disciples directions – 22
Let us go to the other side of the lake
They respond: got in a boat, launched forth
2. Circumstances change for them – 23
A storm began with heavy wind
The boat began to fill up with water

- Jesus was asleep, they were in Jeopardy
3. They awoke Jesus – 24
Master, we perish
Jesus rebuked the wind & the waves
There was a calm
 4. He challenged their faith – 25
What had He said to them – in v. 22
Let us go over to the other side of the lake
They wondered at His power over nature

V. Unresponsive Hearing – 8:26-40

1. Jesus and the demonic man – 26-27
His case was incurable
Many demons controlled him – legion – 30
Over a long period of time – 27
Wore no clothes – lived in tombs – 27
Threat to society – couldn't be bound – 29
2. Jesus cast out the demons – 28-33
Demons responded to Jesus – 28-31
They knew He was the Son of God
They knew He had authority over them
Don't torment us or send us to the abyss
3. Demons allowed to enter pigs – 32-34
Asked for permission to enter herd of pigs
Jesus allowed that to happen
Demonstrates the great number of demons
Demonstrates their destructive force
Herd ran violently down steep slope into lake
Keepers of pigs spread the news – 34
4. People of area come to see – 35-37
They viewed the evidence of deliverance
Found the man sitting at the feet of Jesus
Clothed and in his right mind
Heard the story of his healing
They asked Jesus to leave their area
5. Healed man redirected by Jesus – 38-39
Go home and be a witness

VI. Responsive Hearts – 8:40-56

1. Jesus & the Synagogue leader – 40-42
Jairus sought Jesus to help his daughter
She was his only daughter, 12 years old
She was in bed dying
2. An interruption in faith – 43-48
In the crowd a woman touched Jesus' robe
She had an illness for 12 years
Spend all she had on doctors with no help
Jesus said "who touched me"
No one responded but many in the crowd
Woman acknowledged she was healed
Jesus comforted & sent her away healed
3. Bad news comes to Jairus – 49
Don't bother Jesus because she is dead
4. Jesus challenges his faith – 50
Only believe and she will be made whole
5. Family support was no support – 51-53

They wept and refused Jesus' promise

She is not dead but is asleep

Laughed him in scorn knowing she was dead

6. Jesus restores the girl to life – 54-56

He put the unbelievers out

Took in parents & 3 disciples - 51

Jesus raised her from the dead