

GOD'S **LOVE** LETTER TO YOU



WEEK 7: THE “SOWING” OF THE BIBLE

WELCOME

Answer one of the following questions:

If you had unlimited resources, what kind of outdoor space would you create and why?

—or—

What’s something you’ve done or tried recently that made you step outside of your comfort zone?

WORSHIP

Lead the group in a time of silent prayer, asking God to prepare their hearts to receive His Word like the “good soil” in the parable.

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WORD

1. Read **Luke 8:4-15** and identify the characteristics of each soil type (hard path, rocky soil, thorny soil, and good soil). Which soil do you resonate with most right now, and why?

2. Re-read **Luke 8:8**. What does it mean to have “ears to hear”?

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3. What is one thing you can do to improve your attentiveness to God’s Word this week?

4. **Luke 8:12** describes the seed on the hard path being stolen by the enemy. Read **2 Corinthians 4:4** and **Ephesians 6:12**. How does spiritual warfare impact our ability to receive the Word?

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5. Read **Luke 8:13**; **James 1:2-4** and **Romans 5:3-5**. What is the purpose of trials in deepening faith? Where in your life have you struggled to remain faithful during difficult times? How can you develop deeper spiritual roots?

6. What do **Luke 8:14** and **Matthew 6:19-24** teach about what our priorities should be?

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7. According to **Luke 8:15**, fruitfulness is connected to perseverance. Read **Galatians 5:22-23** and **John 15:8**. What kind of “fruit” should a Christian bear, and why is patience essential in the process?

WITNESS

Brainstorm ways your small group can work together to spread the Word of God, such as volunteering, hosting an outreach event, or supporting missions.

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PERSONAL REFLECTION & DEEPER STUDY FOR THIS WEEK

- Memorize **Luke 8:15**.
- Re-read **Luke 8:4-15** and reflect on the meaning of each type of soil (pathway, rocky, thorny, and good soil). Then, read **Isaiah 5:1-7**. What similarities do you see between God’s description of Israel as a vineyard and the parable of the soils?
- Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-11**. Why do you think the sower spreads seed even in unideal locations? How does this reflect God’s grace and generosity? How does the principle of sowing generously apply to sharing God’s Word or resources in your life?
- Read **Psalms 119:105-112** and **Hosea 10:12**. How do these verses inspire a hunger for God’s Word? Write down practical ways to “break up the hard soil” in your life.