

Luke 8:1-15 (May 14, 2023)
“Authentic v. Counterfeit”

OPENING QUESTION:

SERMON DISCUSSION: How were you impacted by the sermon? What new thoughts or lessons did you discover? In what ways did you find yourself challenged and/or encouraged?

READ Luke 8:1-15

1. From Luke 8:1-3 identify the gender and social diversities of those contributing to Jesus' ministry and the different aspects of ministry. What principles do you find for the church today?

2. According to Jesus, what is the purpose of the parables? How does one understand the “secrets of the kingdom of God” (Luke 8:10; 10:21-24; Colossians 1:27)?

3. Evaluate the four soils and explain which soil exhibits authentic faith and which reveals counterfeit faith. How can you examine your own faith to discern if it is authentic?

4. "Some look at this parable and think that what it teaches is that people can be saved and lose their salvation. They can be in a state of grace and be justified, but it doesn't last. That flies in the face of everything else the Bible teaches us about the perseverance of the saints. The Bible tells us that those whom the Lord redeems, He preserves."

(Luke: An Expository Commentary p. 230 by R.C. Sproul)

Is this a new thought to you? Does this bring comfort to you?

How do the following scriptures support the fact that one can never lose their saving faith?

John 10:27-30

Romans 8:30

Philippians 1:6

1 John 2:19

5. Seed sown in the good soil produces fruit. What does Matthew 7:20; Luke 8:8,15; John 15:4-5; Galatians 5:22; Philippians 1:11; and James 5:7 reveal about fruit bearing? What do you find helpful or encouraging about fruit bearing from these verses?