**Be Careful How You Here** – March 10, 2019

Luke 8:4-18

God, man, Christ, response.

**How others hear and respond to the news of the Kingdom.**

1. **Not Believe. Reject the word. (vs 12)**

Romans 1:18-23

**The word of God can harden a heart.**

1. **Believe for a while. Entertain the word and then fall away. (vs 13)**

2 Timothy 4:3-4

1. **Externally committed, Internally distracted. (vs 14)**

Matthew 21:28-32

1. **Hold it Fast. Endure. Bear Fruit. (vs 15)**

Repent, Believe, Follow, Repeat.

Luke 3:8-14

**What is the condition of your heart?**

1. **The Hard Heart:** **(vs 12)**
2. **The Comfortable Heart:** **(vs 13)**
3. **The Anxious/Apathetic Heart:** **(vs 14)**
4. **The Joyful/Honest Heart: (vs 15)**

**The fruit of an honest and good heart:**

Healthy worship

Healthy family

Healthy missionary

**The point of hearing the gospel is to share the gospel.**

Luke 8:16-18

**How do you learn to hear:**

1. **Pray that God would give you the good and honest heart described in verse 15.**
2. **Meditate on the Word of God. Read your Bible with a view to stir up hunger for God.**

Read, “When I Don’t Desire God” by John Piper

1. **Memorize the word.** FighterVerse App, Memory Journal, the Joshua Principle, etc.
2. **Process the word together.** Have each other over for dinner and talk about the message.
3. **Renew your mind by turning away from worldly entertainment.**

 [James 1:21](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/James%201.21) , [Philippians 4:8](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Phil%204.8)

1. **Trust in the truth that you already have been given.**

[Jeremiah 17:7-8](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Jer%2017.7-8)

1. **Endure one another without grumbling and criticism**

 “They grumbled in their tents; they did not listen to the voice of the LORD.”

[Psalm 106:25](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps%20106.25)

1. **Be still as you enter this room and focus your mind’s attention and heart’s affection on God.** Psalm 46
2. **Think earnestly about what is sung and prayed and preached when you are here.**

[1 Corinthians 14:20](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/1%20Cor%2014.20) , [2 Timothy 2:7](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/2%20Tim%202.7)

1. **Desire the truth of God’s Word more than you desire riches or food**

[Psalm 19:10-11](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Ps%2019.10-11) , [Proverbs 2:3-5](https://biblia.com/bible/esv/Prov%202.3-5)