

Warm Up

Share a highlight of your summer.

Share about a time when you were very intentional about preparing or training for something.

Digging Deeper

Read Luke 8:1-15

What initial reflections do you have about this passage?

What would be a modern-day parable for our cultural context that would communicate the message Jesus is sharing here in Luke 8:1-15?

What are some of the rocks, weeds, etc. that hinder the "rooting" of the word of God in our lives today?

Who is someone you know whose life is "good soil?" What are the spiritually healthy characteristics they demonstrate?

What other passages of scripture come to mind when you consider the characteristics of "good soil?"

Next Steps

What steps have you taken in your own life to prepare the soil for the word of God to take root? What new steps might you consider taking?

Share current obstacles in your life to the cultivation of "good soil."

How can you help to cultivate "good soil" with your family, friends, etc. so that the word of God might take root?

Share how your small group can support you/your family as you take steps cultivate "good soil" for the word of God to take root?

Final Thoughts

As a group, pray together for the Holy Spirit to work in the lives of your group members, transforming hearts, renewing minds, adjusting priorities, etc. so that you might produce life changing spiritual fruit.

Next week we will look at the spiritual rhythm of "daily devotions." Take time this week to consider what this currently looks like in your life and pray about how the Lord might be nudging you to grow in this area.