

Study Guide

Pray: Pray that God will show you something new in His Word and that you will be fully present as you consider these questions.

Read: Begin by reading Luke 8 straight through, as you would the first chapters of any book.

Discussion Questions:

1. After reading **verses 1-4**, what stands out to you most or what have you learned about the ministry of Jesus from these verses?

2. What is a parable and why do you think Jesus uses parables to teach? (**verses 4 & 10**; See also **Matthew 13:10-17, 34-35**)

3. In The Parable of the Sower the seed sown is identified as the Word of God (**verse 11**). In all four scenarios, the Word of God was heard, yet only one produced harvest. List the four possible results to hearing and responding to the Word of God.

Soil Type:	Ways individuals hear and respond:
Verses 5 & 12:	
Verses 6 & 13:	
Verses 7 & 14:	
Verses 8 & 15:	

4. What do you think the lamp represents? What do you think Jesus is teaching His disciples? What do you think He is teaching us? (**verses 16-18**)

5. Read **verses 1-3** and **19-21**.
 - a) How do you think Mary processed these words of Jesus? How about His brothers?

 - b) How does Jesus explain who is included in His family?

6. How did Jesus calm the storm? What was the reaction of the disciples to His miracle? (**verses 24-25**)

7. What do you find most encouraging about Christ's victory over demons (**verses 26-39**)?

8. How did Jesus miraculously rid the man of his demons? Describe how the man was different afterwards and his response to Jesus' power and authority. (**verses 27-39**)

9. Upon Jesus' return from across the lake, a crowd greeted and welcomed Him. But, how did Jairus, a ruler of the synagogue, approach Jesus (**verse 41**)?

10. Why do you think Jesus asked publicly for the woman with the chronic illness to tell what she had done (**verse 43-48**)?

Reflection and Prayer ~ Repeatedly, Jesus revealed His power to do what looked humanly impossible. How does this impact your relationship with Jesus?

Think about your greatest needs, the deepest desires of your heart. Don't worry about if they seem trivial in comparison to what others may be facing – you will not go unnoticed to Jesus. Maybe write them down somewhere. Then, read over or consider your list and say out loud: **“Jesus, You have enough power.”**