

*Hallelujah, what a Saviour! (Luke 5-9)*

### **Hearing Jesus (Luke 8:1-21)**

A disease that afflicts all of us

The theme of today's passage

*\*How's your hearing of the Word of God?*

Jesus' ministry (4:18-19, 43-44)

The crowds' response so far

People do not all hear Jesus the same way!

*Why are there such contrasting responses to the preaching of God's Word?*

**One possibility: there's something wrong with the Word of God itself**

Not the problem

Reassurance

The farmer: doing only one thing

**If the Word of God isn't the issue, then....**

The location on which the seed falls on

What they represent

- Satan-induced passivity
- Sustained persecution
- Superficial preoccupations
- Fruitful listening

**What is Jesus' point?**

Every time we hear God's Word...

**Why does Jesus teach via a parable?**

The very f\_\_\_\_\_ of a parable teaches us as well!

What's really going on in v.9-10 (cf. Isaiah 6:9)

Pressing the point home (v.16-17)

So...**consider how you listen!**

What fruitful listening looks like (v.15, 18, 21)