

SERMON NOTES

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“Jesus’ Mother” – Luke 8:16-21

Being biblically literate is different than being fluent in the gospel. The first implies head knowledge, the second implies our activities as the family of God.

Being family means we are able to hear, but Jesus tells us to **be careful how we listen** (Luke 8:18). This means that just because we *can* hear, doesn’t mean we are doing a good job of it.

In *John 10:3-4* we get a beautiful picture of the way that God’s family hears Christ:

“The sheep HEAR his voice, and he calls *his own* sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes before them and the sheep *follow him*, for they **know his voice**.”

This isn’t works-based salvation. We don’t become God’s family by *listening* and *doing*. We are made into his family by grace alone, and our activity as family involves listening and doing.

The time came after his resurrection, when the Spirit, which is the light, illuminated and unified the gospel message which Jesus shared bit by bit to the disciples

Jesus doesn’t leave us in our deafness, or in the dark. Jesus was the first one to bring LIGHT and the first one to speak the meaning of the scriptures to his family.

QUESTIONS TO PONDER

Luke 8:16-21

1. Listening carefully is part of being *fluent* in the gospel. Read John 8:1-11. How does this event reveal gospel fluency compared to biblical literacy?
2. Define family. Spend some time comparing what you know about God’s family and biological families. (Ex. 20:12, Luke 13:34, John 1:12-13)
3. Jesus says his mother and brothers hear the word of God and do it (Luke 8:21). What things do we hear in scripture, and how does that translate to what you are doing right now, or in an hour, or tomorrow afternoon?
4. Read Luke 8:17 again. Jesus says nothing that is secret will stay hidden. What is he talking about? Who is someone you know who needs to hear what Jesus has made known to his followers?

Think of someone you work with, a member of your family, or a friend who doesn’t know Jesus. Pray for them, and ask God what you can do to be a light to them. *Listen* to what he says! You are Jesus’ (mother, brother, sister). You can *hear* and *do*!