



How Did Jesus Do Outreach?
5.Parables Luke 8:1-15



Overview

'How Did Jesus Do Outreach?' is the question for our series based on the Gospel of Luke. This week we look at Jesus' teaching in Galilee to a diverse group of people. Jesus was a master teacher who understood his audiences and their needs.



Getting to Know You

Everyone loves a story, right! What are some of your most memorable moments and what made them stick (e.g., from your childhood / work stories)?



Digging Deeper

1. The first 3 verses give fascinating insights: Jesus travelled with women (= the least of these) along with his male disciples. He was also the first faith missionary, as these wealthy women financially supported His ministry.
 - a. What do you think it must have been like to be on Jesus' preaching tour in all these places and hearing about the good news of the kingdom of God (cf. Isaiah 6:8-10)?
2. Why do you think Jesus used parables to tell His stories?
3. Parables were clever, enticing, memorable and challenging stories with a twist. Read the parable of the sower told by Jesus (Luke 8:4-8).
 - a. What was Jesus' message in the parable of the sower?
4. Steve suggested that
 - a. Parables required something of the listener.
 - i. What could this be?
 - b. Jesus was creative in the way He did outreach
 - i. Do you think this is important? Why / why not?
 - ii. How can we be creative in our outreach?
5. When we share the news of God's kingdom with others, it isn't always received with open hearts.
 - a. Have you met someone in your life in whom the good news has fallen on "deaf ears"?
 - b. How do they show this? How do you respond? How do you handle criticism of Jesus/Christianity/the Church?



Taking it Home

As pastor Steve has said, the challenge of cults operating in our neighbourhoods brings some urgency around knowing our Bibles and our theology.

How can you make spending time in God's word a priority in your busy schedule and what does it look like to sink down "deep roots"?



Prayer

Thank God that he knows our circumstances and helps us to be a witness for Jesus. Pray for opportunities to creatively and wisely explain our faith.