



## REACH: Respond

**LUKE 8:4-15** 

And when a great crowd was gathering and people from town after town came to him, he said in a parable, "A sower went out to sow his seed. And as he sowed, some fell along the path and was trampled underfoot, and the birds of the air devoured it. And some fell on the rock, and as it grew up, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And some fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up with it and choked it. And some fell into good soil and grew and yielded a hundredfold." As he said these things, he called out, "He who has ears to hear, let him hear." LUKE 8:4-8

sower Jesus

seed Word of God

soil people's hearts

birds devil

thorns cares of this world

#### WHAT IS THE GOSPEL?

The gospel is the good news about Jesus, who paid for our sin.

- 1. Everyone has sinned and been separated from a holy God. (Rom 3:23)
- 2. Jesus died for our sins to reconcile us back to a holy God. (Rom 5:8)
- 3. You can accept God's free gift of salvation by grace through faith. (Eph 2:8-9)
- 4. Anyone who accepts
  Jesus' gift is a new creation.
  (2 Cor 5:17)

#### **HOME GROUP**

### **Lesson + Devotional**

- 1. Read Luke 8:4-15. What specific obstacles have you encountered that prevent unbelievers you know from receiving the Word of God?
- 2. Why couldn't those who received the Word with joy (v.13) stay faithful? What warning is implied here that you need to heed yourself?
- 3. How does spiritual warfare relate to sharing the gospel? How should we always be preparing for the unseen opposition we'll face from the enemy?
- 4. How could the parable of the sower have encouraged the disciples in their ministry? How does it encourage you?
- 5. What worries in life have choked your growth as a Christian lately? What things can we do to persevere and increase our receptivity to the Word of God?
- 6. What thoughts from the sermon were especially helpful as you strive to REACH others for Jesus?
- 7. How has this REACH series benefitted your walk with the Lord? What has changed in your life as a result?

# **Quotes**

The contemporary kingdom evangelist must realize that he or she will become a target of the enemy's opposition. We must learn better to detect when we come under supernatural attack, and how to deal with this with God's armor and mighty weapons. ... we need to get far better at discerning and dealing with the demonic "birds of the air" that steal away the precious seed of the word (Matt 13:19). - Tom White

We are in a holy war for the souls of men and women. We are wrestling in heavenly places against an enemy who is ruthless in his desire to steal, kill and destroy. ... And one of his greatest weapons is passivity on the part of the believers. While we have been busy in the churches, he has been carefully instituting his rule in the nations of the world. - Cindy Jacobs

The personal element in true soul-winning work is more a service of pleading *for* souls than a service of pleading *with* souls. It is talking with God about men from a clean heart and in the power of the Spirit, rather than talking to men about God - Lewis Sperry Chafer

The glory of God, and, as our only means of glorifying Him, the salvation of souls is the real business of life. - C. S. Lewis

Evangelism is one beggar telling another beggar where to find bread. - D. T. Niles

Our message is not that we have it all together. Our message is that we know the One who does! - Rebecca Manley Pippert

# YOUR NEXT STEP AT Christ Chapel



#### **Connect and Belong**

New or returning, fill out a Connect Card and experience life together at Christ Chapel.

#### **Together in Prayer**

We want to pray with and for you this week as we go to God together.



### Partner with Us by Giving

Be a part of what God is doing near and far by giving to local and global ministry partners.

### **Upcoming Events**

Join in to grow your faith, make disciples, and reach those who do not know or walk with Jesus.



### A WONDERFUL Offer

Being a Christian isn't based on membership in a local church or keeping a set of rules. It involves a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and an understanding of who He is and what He has done to provide man with a way to experience God's love for us. Here's how to know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior:

- Admit that you're a sinner, separated from a holy and perfect God.
  - (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 53:6)
- Understand that the penalty for your sin is death – eternal separation from God and all that is good.
  - (Romans 6:23; Hebrews 9:27)
- Believe that Jesus Christ took the penalty for your sin by dying in your place and conquered death by rising from the dead. (Romans 5:8; 2 Corinthians 5:21)
- Receive the free gift of salvation by trusting in Christ alone as your Savior from sin and death and your provider of true and eternal life.
  - (Romans 4:4-5; Ephesians 2:8-9)

### You can use this prayer to express your decision to God:

Dear God, I know that I am a sinner. I believe that Jesus Christ died on the cross for me and rose from the dead. I trust in him alone as the only way to be reconciled to you. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the eternal life I now have. Amen.



We'd love to know about your decision. Scan the QR code to learn more about following Jesus!