

# SERMON NOTES/QUESTIONS

Luke 8:1-21

## Pretender or Practitioner

1. Verse 1; How would you sum up the 'Good News of the kingdom?'
2. How does Luke's introduction of the twelve and 'some women' fit into the theme of verses 1-21?
3. Suggest some reasons why Joanna's presence in the group could be a real challenge to some modern day believers.
4. The parable covered in Verses 4-15 is traditionally called the 'Parable of the Sower'. Suggest some other titles for it and give your reasons.



5. Look up the quote from Isaiah 6 and suggest what it means and why Jesus uses it here.
6. Take each section of the parable, together with its explanation, and discuss what they represent. Suggest any suitable 'modern interpretations' for the pictures Jesus presents.
  - a. v5 - v 12
  - b. v6 - v13
  - c. v7 - v14
  - d. v8 -v15
7. How do verses 16- 18 illustrate what Jesus has just taught?
8. Give your understanding of what Jesus means in verse 17
9. What does it mean to be 'careful how you listen?' [V 18]
10. Verses 19-21 seem to be simply an account of what took place. How does Jesus use this incident to emphasize what He has been teaching?