

What kind of ears do you have?

Luke 8:4-18

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This is a parable about listening

- Jesus didn't give a parable about music, or drama, or artistic expression, but about the Word
- **Romans 10:17**
- Preaching is to have the prominent place in corporate worship

Some people can hear but won't listen

- The majority of hearers have never responded to what they've heard
- Listening improves listening

How to be a good listener

- Good listening starts before Sunday
 - Pray and meditate on the text
 - **James 1:21**
- Good listening starts before the Service
 - Get up 15 minutes early and arrive early
 - **Psalm 106:25**
- Good listening happens during the Sermon
 - Pray during the sermon
 - **Proverbs 2:3-5**
 - **1 Corinthians 1:12, 2:3-5**
- Good listening happens after the Sermon ends
 - Pray about and practice application
 - **James 1:22-25**

Don't be lulled into thinking the sermon is over when the pastor closes in prayer. That's when the real work begins. You must look intently into God's Word and carefully examine those areas in your life that need to be addressed. The sermon actually starts when it's over.