**EARS TO HEAR**

Luke 8:1-15

Key Verse 8:8b “When he said this, he called out, ‘He who has ears to hear, let him hear.’”

1. How do some women who served Jesus illustrate the theme of last week’s passage, “Forgiven much, loves much”? Who are these women? (1-3)

2. What is a parable and why did Jesus use parables in public teaching? (4, 10) What does the quotation in Isaiah 6:9 tell us about people’s hearts? (8b)

3. What are the 4 different soils into which the seed fell and what happens in each case? (5-8a)

4. What kind of heart does the path represent? (11-12) The rocky soil? (13) The thorny soil? (14) Why couldn’t they produce crops?

5. What kind of heart soil does the good soil represent and how can it produce a crop? (15) Can our hearts be changed into a good soil? (cf. Ezekiel 36:26)