

LUKE 8:16-21 *Jesus' True Family*

INTRODUCTION

The sinful woman heard Jesus' offer of forgiveness and believed and received it with faith and responded with love and service. Others responded to Jesus' good news and healing by supporting His ministry. And in the parable of the sower, we learned about hearts that receive God's word and produce fruit. Those who hear and obey Jesus' message, are His true family, and do what He says.

DISCUSSION

Who do you consider family? Can people other than dad, mom, sisters, and brothers be family?

EXPLANATION

- What is light for, like a flashlight for example? *It helps us see our way in the dark, and reveals things that are hidden in the dark.*
- Who came looking for Jesus in vs. 19? *His mother and brothers.*
- Read Mark 3:20-21 & 31-35. Why might they have been looking for Jesus? *Because they were probably concerned about Him, or even thought He wasn't in His right mind.*
- How did Jesus respond? *"My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it."*
- What do you think Jesus meant by that? *Jesus loved and cared about His mothers and brothers, but even more important to Him are those who hear God's word and obey it.*

APPLICATION

Jesus' real family are those who responded to Him not just by hearing, but by doing God's word. In this passage, Jesus is calling us to obey. Have you heard that call? Have you responded by receiving and believing Jesus' message? Do you just believe with your head but not your heart? What does it look like in your life to "do" God's word? How does your life show that you don't just hear, but obey?

Memory VERSE

Luke 8:21b- "My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." (ESV)