**LUKE CHAPTER EIGHT**

This chapter has a rich mixture of some well-known sermon material and some challenging

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**1-15 The Parable of the Sower**

There seems to be an honesty in Jesus explanation that the Word of God will not always produce a good harvest. What sort of soil are you? Is there anything for each of us to learn and take on board, especially from the verse 14?

**16-18 A Lamp on a Stand**

What do you think the warning in verse 18 means for us today?

**19-21 Jesus’ Mother and Brothers**

Historically the church has not always been agreed about Mary having other children after Jesus. What do you take from these verses?

**22-25 Jesus Calms the Storm**

Here we see a further step in the journey of Jesus being revealed as the Son of God.

* He heals (as Isaiah said he would
* He forgives (which only God can do)
* He has authority over the power of nature

Why did Jesus question the faith of the disciples?

**26-39 The Healing of the Demon-possessed Man**

Here we have a troubled man who was beyond society’s ability to cope with. Jesus is able to help him.

Some of the people, and perhaps especially the Jewish authorities, did not recognise (our could not accept) Jesus as the Son of God. But the powers of darkness are not shy to declare who Jesus is. Why is this?

**40-56 A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman**

Verses 43-48 tell a separate side story. Another story building on the teaching of the importance of faith. Where does faith feature in, or shape, our spiritual lives today? Are there areas of the faith that we are missing out on because of a lack of faith?

Here we see Jesus taking Peter, James and John with him into the house. Why just them?