**Bible Study Questions**

What do you like to read and why?

**Read** – Luke 8:16-21

Last week we looked at the Parable of the Sower. Why would it be better to call it the Parable of the Soils?

Our passage today is about the Word of God. What does verse 16 teach us?

What is the Word of God for? What does it do?

In what ways can we hear the Word but fail to *listen* to it?

How can we ensure we don’t let the Word go in one ear and out the other?

What is verse 17 about?

How does this support verse 16 (note ‘for’)?

Why might we not want to listen to God’s Word?

What’s the principal of verse 18?

Is Jesus saying the rich will be given more and the poor will have less?

If not. What is it that ‘they have’?

Does this mean that, in the end, we’re only saved if we have lots of good works?

How much does the one who has have to be given to get more?

Looking at verses 20-21. How do Jesus’ mother and brothers help illustrate the principles we’ve been thinking about?

**Pray** – God would make his Word fruitful in our lives. That we wouldn’t ignore his Word, even when challenging. And give thanks for the fruit we see in oour lives and the lives of others.