

## HEARING AND PERSEVERING

Luke 8:1-21

Key verse: 15

### *Discussion questions:*

- What does it mean to hear and listen carefully to the word of God?
- What can we learn as sowers of the seed of God's word?

### *Inductive study questions:*

1. What did the ministry of Jesus involve? (1) Who are among those following Jesus? (2-3) What does this say about the focus of Jesus' ministry?
2. Describe the parable. (4-8) What is the purpose of a parable? What are contained in the parables of Jesus? (9-10a) Why did Jesus speak to "others" in parables? (10b)
3. What is the seed? (11) What does each type of soil show about hearing and believing the word of God? (12-15) As a sower of God's word, what can you learn?
4. How does shining the light relate to believers? (16) How much care do we put on how well we listen to Jesus' word? (17-18) Who does Jesus say are his mother and brothers? Why? (19-21)