


# ENTRANCE EXAMS



*How Can I Be a Part?*

**Luke 8:4-18**  
**Message-based Small Group Lesson**

## Opening

1. Share about a time in your life when you had any kind of a gardening experience or school project where you planted something.
2. Has there been a time in your life when you diligently prepared for something, such as a special event or the arrival of a guest? Why did you prepare the way you did?

## Interaction with the text

1. Read Luke 8:5-8. What title would you give to this parable and why?
2. Briefly describe what you think each of the soils means. What are some present day examples of them?
3. What is Satan's role in the process Jesus describes in verse 12? What methods does Satan use?

4. Verse 14 talks about thorns. What are some modern-day thorns present in our culture?
5. In three of the four soils, there is the appearance of growth. Is this always evidence of life-transformation? Why or why not?
6. Jesus gives a very stern warning in verse 18. As you read this, what comes to mind for you as a result of his words?
7. Read Luke 8:19-21. In verse 21, who is Jesus saying his family members are?

## Application to life

1. Which of these soils best describes the condition of your heart? How has this shown up in your life?
2. Identify one thing you can do in your life to better prepare the soil of your heart to hear God's Word.
3. Is there a priority in your life that needs to change for you to become the soil Jesus describes in verse 15? What would get in the way of you making this change?
4. Close with a time of prayer for each other.