

Notes & Quotes

Luke 8:4-8,11-14



Luke 8:4-8, 11-15

1. Matthew 6:25-34
2. Romans 8:1-3, 37f
3. 1 Peter 5:6-9
4. Philippians 4:6-9
5. Jeremiah 17:5-8

Fear of failure . . .
Fear of rejection . . .
Fear of physical harm . . .
Fear of uncertainty . . .
Fear of inadequacy . . .
Fear of making the wrong decision . . .
Fear of other people's opinions . . .
Fear of responsibility...
Fear of the saying the wrong thing . . .
Fear of commitment . . .
Fear of challenge or risk . . .
Fear of missing out . . .
Fear of losing control . . .

Life Group Growth Guides

PASSAGE FOR STUDY

Luke 8:14

THIS WEEK'S TAKE HOME TRUTH

Warning:

The Worries of this World may choke the spiritual life out of you.

The seed that fell among thorns stands for those who hear, but as they go on their way they are choked by life's worries, riches and pleasures, and they do not mature.

Luke 8:14

September 13th 2026



Opener



First Look



Digging Deeper



Life Change

Which best describes you as a gardener . . .

1. I don't like dirt under my nails.
2. Novice, I try but I get more weeds than fruit.
3. I have a "Green Thumb" and can grow anything. Explain

Read Luke 8:4-8,11-15. What is the pattern in this parable? In vss. 11-15, Jesus explains the meaning. In vs. 14 what type of believer is Jesus describing? How common is this scenario (in your opinion)? Of the three things in this world that can "choke" out the Word, which one do you find the most likely to hinder fruit production?

Read Romans 8:1-3. What is the difference between "conviction" from the Spirit and "condemnation"? If it's not from God, where might it come from? Why do some believers still feel they are under condemnation? What in this passage gives us full assurance of that our sins are forgiven? Why?

Read Matthew 6:25-34. Jesus uses two examples, birds and flowers. In each example (vss. 26,30) Jesus uses the phrase, "how much more . . .". What is Jesus' BIG IDEA? How might our fears be connected to our ignorance of God's character?

Read 1 Peter 5:6-9. What is the context (the verse before and two after) of 1 Peter 5:7? Why would Peter need to remind believers to cast their worry upon the Lord? What is the possible connection between spiritual warfare and physical suffering? How might both lead to worry that stunts our spiritual fruit production?

Read Philippians 4:4-9. When you are anxious about something and someone says, "Don't worry about anything" . . . What is your initial response? Why?

Prayer and worry are contrasted, why? How does changing your "worry list" into a "prayer list" change the dynamics of your situation?

*Prayer Time . . . Take a few minutes and share one area where worry might be choking out the Word in your life. Pray for those who need support in our community.

