

Pastor Roy's Study Questions on Luke 8:1-18 **(October 19, 2025)**

— Below are questions to help further our understanding of today's sermon. —

1. How can we cultivate a sense of urgency in our faith, especially in light of recent losses of influential Christian leaders?
2. What does it mean to be a 'new creation' in Christ, and how can we ensure our faith goes beyond mere lip service?
3. How can we discern between superficial belief and true saving faith in ourselves and others?
4. In what ways might we be unintentionally 'trampling' or ignoring the seeds of faith in our lives or the lives of others?
5. How do the cares, riches, and pleasures of life' choke out spiritual growth in modern society, and how can we combat this?
6. What does it mean to have an 'honest and good heart' that bears fruit with patience, as described in the parable of the sower?
7. How can we distinguish between empty religious practices and a genuine, transformative relationship with Jesus Christ?
8. In what ways might we be 'hiding our light' as Christians, and how can we more effectively shine in our communities?
9. How does the concept that 'nothing is hidden that will not be made manifest' challenge us to live more authentically in our faith?
10. Reflecting on Robert Burns' story, how can we ensure we're seeking godly counsel rather than worldly advice in times of spiritual crisis?