

# MESSAGE APPLICATION GUIDE



**Dr. Jeff Bucknam**

**Luke 8:4-15**

## APPLICATION

This was Pastor Jeff's first time in the pulpit with us. What was one of your favorite things about his message?

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Pastor Jeff said, "Genuinely committed Christians sow seeds for the harvest." What do you think he meant by this? How are you doing in this area? How can your Small Group encourage you to sow more seeds and grow deeper roots?

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When talking about the "thorny soil," Pastor Jeff shared how "thirsty" the weeds are; how they suck the moisture from the soil so that the seed cannot take root. What are the thorns in your life that are not allowing your "roots to grow deep?" What are some of the ways that you can specifically get rid of the thorn(s) in your life?

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Pastor Jeff encouraged us to be "good soil" by:

- Holding fast to the Word of God
- Have an honest and good heart
- Bear (spiritual) fruit with patience

Please share with your Small Group how you can practically exercise one of these in your walk with Christ.

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Pastor Jeff ended his sermon by stating that he would give his "blood, sweat and tears" to ensure that we would "live our lives happy in Jesus." Give specific ways in which you can personally do the same in your walk with Christ and for the Church.

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Let's continue to be in prayer for Pastor Jeff and his family as they look for a home and move here over the next few months. Please continue to pray for the body of believers that they are leaving at Northview Community Church.