**Small Group Questions Sunday 22 June**

**The Parable of the Sower**

How would you describe active listening? What would it mean to practice this with one another?

**Readings Luke 8 v 1-18**

What is the background to this story? Verse 1 ?

What is the Jesus instruction in Verse 8?

How is this repeated in verse18?

In V10 – why do you think Jesus says some may not understand parables – do you think he is deliberately concealing the truth from them?

**A Seed fully distributed…**

How does the fact that the farmer sows seed on all types of land encourage us in our mission patch?

How is God’s heart reflected elsewhere ins scripture – see Psalm 95 v 6-9, Hebrews 3 v 7-14, Hebrews 4 v 1-3

**A seed fully producing**

Look at verses that describe the impact of God’s word…2 Samuel 22 v 31, Hebrews 4 v 12, James 1 v 25

Share examples where a word of scripture has been particularly timely and helpful

Share examples where a word of scripture has been corrective.

How does this parable gives us confidence in the power of the word?

**A seed fully heard? retained?**

What are the characteristics of the soils which did not produce crops?

What are the challenges for new Christians ? At the same time how can be guard against our own complacency ?

What does James say about listening to God’s word James 1 v 22-25

What happens to the seed falling on good soil Luke 8 v 8. Are we ready to expect that? Remember it is God that causes the seed to geminated and grow – lets allow him to do so.

What is paying attention to Jesus’ word going to look like for us in practice?

How can we encourage each other to listen more? What have we found helpful in our daily studies? Are there any changes to our smallgroup meetings that would encourage us to listen closer ?

What practical changes are we ready to make?

How did Peter describe Jesus words? John 6 v 68?

Let’s be encourages as we listen to a wword that is divine, lasting and life producing!