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Family Service

Luke 11:27-54

Week of December 8-14, 2019

Take time to read Luke 11:27-54 (It's quite a bit but worth the read.)

"As he said these things, a woman in the crowd raised her voice and said to him, "Blessed is the womb that bore you, and the breasts at which you nursed!" But he said, "Blessed rather are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, "This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. The queen of the South will rise up at the judgment with the men of this generation and condemn them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, and behold, something greater than Solomon is here. The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here. "No one after lighting a lamp puts it in a cellar or under a basket, but on a stand, so that those who enter may see the light. Your eye is the lamp of your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is full of light, but when it is bad, your body is full of darkness. Therefore be careful lest the light in you be darkness. If then your whole body is full of light, having no part dark, it will be wholly bright, as when a lamp with its rays gives you light." While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. And the Lord said to him, "Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you. "But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it." One of the lawyers answered him, "Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also." And he said, "Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, 'I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,' so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering." As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say."

Luke 11:27-54 ESV

In this passage we read how Jesus pronounces woe on the Pharisees, lawyers and other religious folks. Ask, Why do you think Jesus is speaking to them this way?

Remember that in Luke 9:20-22, Jesus asks the disciples, Who do people say that I am? Peter answers that Jesus is The Christ of God which means the Anointed One, Chosen King - Messiah Christ)

Ask, if you were to be asked by a co-worker or a friend this same question, How would you answer?

Andy pointed out these 5 Who Jesus Is truths -

1. Jesus is the promised Messiah - Luke 9:20-22
2. Jesus is the Sacrificial Savior – Luke 9:20-22
3. Jesus is the Glorious Son - Luke 9:28-35 (The glory of Jesus revealed; This is My Son, the Chosen One)
4. Jesus is the Ultimate Judge (of anyone and everyone) Luke 10:8-16
5. Jesus is the Strongest King - the true king - Luke 11:14-22

There is no neutral option when it comes to either Jesus being Who He says He is and either one being on His side or not. v. 23 - whoever is not with Me, is against me

Why is this so hard for many to believe and live out?

Jesus makes it clear that you must respond to Who He is. You are either with Jesus or you are against Jesus. Quite honestly, Jesus is very polarizing.

Work through these and allow discussion to take place around them

Three warnings that Jesus gives

1. v. 27-28 Being impressed with Jesus' teaching is not the same as being with Jesus.
2. v. 29-32 Being attracted to spiritual power and spectacular results is not the same as being with Jesus.
3. v. 37-54 Giving the appearance of good religious behavior is not the same as being with Jesus.

What does it mean to be with Jesus? (Allow time for these to be discussed as time allows. You may want to share all five of them and then allow participants to focus on one that pertains most to them in this season of their discipleship.)

1. See Jesus for Who He is. (11:31-36)
2. Come to Jesus for Who He is (11:31)
3. Trust Jesus for Who He is.
4. Worship Jesus for Who He is.
5. Follow Jesus for Who He is.

Take time to share prayer requests and spend time praying for one another.

Encourage each other to continue to participate in the 45 Days of Thankfulness.