The Gospel of Luke - Lesson 11

Luke 6:27-49

Introduction and Background

Jesus was famous for His teaching. People were amazed at some of the things He taught. In this reading we learn how Jesus taught His followers to behave in everyday life. He made it clear how God expects us to interact with others. He also taught us how to know if someone has a good heart or a bad one, and how to build our lives on a good foundation.

Read Luke 6:27-49

Read Luke 6:27-36 How to Treat our Enemies

- 1. How did Jesus say the disciples should treat their enemies? (27)
- 2. How should his followers treat those who curse them? (28)
- 3. Does verse 29 surprise you? Why or why not? (29)
- 4. How should we treat people? Should we fight to get our things back? (30-31)
- 5. Who do sinners love? How should we be different? (32-34)

Read <u>Luke 6:37-42</u> <u>Judging Others</u>

- 6. Do we judge and condemn others? What should we do? How can we be forgiven? (37)
- 7. What do you think that verse 38 means?
- **8.** What might happen if a blind person led another blind person? Do you think you are blind? How? (39)
- 9. What is the relationship between a student and a teacher? (40)
- **10.** Can you give an example of how someone might have a "speck" in their eye? What do you do with a speck? (41-42)

Read <u>Luke 6:43-49 Trees and Foundations.</u>

- **11.** What is the difference between a good tree and a bad one? How might a person be a "bad tree?" (43-45)
- **12.** What two types of people does Jesus describe in verses 46-49?
- **13.** How do you make important life decisions?

Chat about these words from the passage and how you might use them in daily life: curse/bless/credit/compassionate/speck/hypocrite/thornbush/bramble/floodwaters/collapse

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True and False

- a. We should judge others if they are our enemies.
- b. We can be compassionate if we feel like it.
- c. Students always become greater than their teachers.
- d. Figs and grapes come from bramble bushes.

For Discussion:

What is the most important lesson you think you have learned today? How might it change the way you think and act?

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What do you think of Jesus' teachings so far? Do they surprise you? What surprises you most? How are Jesus' teachings different from what we have been taught in our home culture? What is the most important lesson you think you have learned today? How might it change the way you think and act?

Notes:		

For Further Reading:

Why is the order of Jesus' calling His disciples different in some gospels?