

Jesus, As told by Luke
Luke 13:10-15:31
Discussion Guide: April 30, 2023

CHECK UP:

Memory work: For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. - Luke 12:34

What truth did you try to hang on to in light of last week's text and sermon?

OPEN:

- Who did you B.L.E.S.S. this past week? What action steps did you take?
- What stood out to you from this past week's reading? What do you still have questions about?

READ and ASK: Luke 15

- Why did the religious leaders miss the point of what Jesus' ministry was about?
- What is significant about the picture of rejoicing in heaven?
 - o How does that picture make you feel?
- What is repentance?
 - o What does a lifestyle of repentance look like?
 - o Why does God care so much about repentance?
- In what ways does God's value of people differ from ours?
- What truths do we learn of God from these parables?
- How can you guard yourself against feeling resentment when God shows mercy to people you think don't deserve it?

APPLY:

- In what ways do we go astray like the sheep and the son?
 - o What are some "best practices" to keep from going astray (remember, the best defense is a good offense)?

- How does this text challenge your heart for others?
- When have you been like the prodigal son in the story? When have you been like the older son?
 - o Which son do you MOST relate to today?
 - o NEXT STEP: What can you do to have a heart more like God's this week?
 - To what "undeserving" person can you extend God's love and forgiveness to this week?
 - o How can you show God gratitude for his love grace, and mercy?

Memory Work:

there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent. - Luke 15:7

Next Week's Reading:

Luke 16:1-17:37