

Spending Time with Jesus in Luke 6

Don't forget to invite Jesus to speak to you as you read this week.

First read through: Read Chapter 6 all the way through, imagining you are there.

Second read through: Look for themes and underline them in the color on your key.

What do you notice?

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2)

3)

Third read through: Answer questions as you go.

Luke 6:1-11

Jesus reminds us of the story of David and his ragamuffin crew of followers eating the consecrated bread. Here's a little more context if you've forgotten that story. David had been anointed by Samuel as king, but Saul was still on the throne and was determined to kill David. As David and his men are on the run, he comes to the priest and asks if he might have some food to share. He doesn't...except for the bread in the tabernacle (and only priests are allowed to eat it.) The priest, however, gives it to David. Hmmm....

Here is Jesus, anointed by the Spirit at his baptism as God's messianic King, traveling through Israel with his followers, but the devil still claims authority over the kingdoms of the world. Can you see the parallel to David? Jesus is saying that, just as David long ago had authority as the rightful king of Israel to eat the consecrated bread and share it with his men, Jesus has authority to feed his followers, even if it breaks the Pharisee's human laws, because he is Lord of the Sabbath.

Watch the Pharisees and teachers of the law. Luke first mentions the Pharisees in 5:17, right after Jesus healed the leper. List what they do in these verses:

5:21

5:30

6:2

6:7

6:11

What do you notice?

How does Jesus heal the man with the shriveled hand? Do you think the Pharisees and teachers of the law have a law against that? Was it "work"?

Luke 6:12-26

What two groups of people are with Jesus at this "level place" (v. 17-18)

Who is Jesus teaching in vv. 20-26?

Luke 6:27-36

Do you think it is possible to be a disciple that does not listen to Jesus? (v. 27)

Can you think of a time Jesus shows love to his enemies...when He prays for those who mistreat him, turns the other cheek, and allows them to take his clothing? How much does he understand what he is asking his disciples to do?

Luke 6:37-45

Why doesn't Jesus just say, "Give, and it will be given to you" and stop there like he did with judging, condemning and forgiving? Why does he add, "A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap"?

Jesus is painting some funny pictures (like drawing comics with his words) to make important points.

The first is about following other teachers...like the Pharisees. *What does Jesus mean by both will fall into a pit?*

The second...well, can you see Jesus acting this one out? He has a dry sense of humor... *Why is it easy to ignore the plank in our eye and yet see the speck in our brother's?*

The third is of someone tying clusters of grapes to briars and having people to go out to harvest them. Of course no one would fall for that trick. *What is Jesus' point in telling this word picture? What kind of change is necessary for us to produce good fruit? (see v. 45)*

Luke 6:46-49

Luke has put Jesus' teaching into this chapter like Matthew put it into the Sermon on the Mount. They are really similar, so it's interesting to see what is different. In v. 48, Luke remembers Jesus saying that the wise man "dug down deep" to lay the foundation on the rock, not just on the surface. *What does digging down deep have to do with obeying what Jesus says?*

Is it possible to have Jesus as my Lord...actually have him acting as Lord of my life...but not do what he says?

I encourage you to take some time on these last questions. They are personal. Talk with Jesus about them:

Is there any part of my life where I am not listening to Jesus?

Am I one who calls Jesus my Lord (my Master) but then refuses to do what he says?

*Am I willing to do the work of "digging deep" to know what he has said to his disciples?
What would that look like?*