

BIBLE DISCUSSION GROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

In preparation for Sunday, April 20, 2008

Passage: Luke 6:39-49

Memory Passage: Luke 9:23

TODAY: From your study this past week, what is one thing that impressed you that can be of help in your life?

DAY 1 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 6:39-40 and Matthew 13:10-17.** Why did Jesus speak in parables?
- (b) How does a parable reveal the mysteries of the Kingdom of Heaven? What principle does Jesus point the disciples to about understanding parables in Matthew 13:12 (Matthew 25:29; Luke 8:18)?
- (c) What does this tell us about understanding and all spiritual things (Isaiah 28:9-10; 2 Timothy 2:27; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; 1 Peter 2:1-3; Hebrews 5:11-14)?
- (d) How do they *keep* some from understanding (Jeremiah 5:21; John 12:35-40)?
- (e) What is one great blessing of being a disciple of Jesus (Matthew 13:16-17)? How are believers even more blessed than those in the OT (Matthew 11:11)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 6:39-40 and Matthew 13:10-17. Talk together about what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. What are some of the blessings of discipleship? What are some of the struggles of following Jesus? Pray that the Lord would give you understanding as you read and study His Word this week.

DAY 2 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 6:40.** What reminder does Jesus give to His disciples?
- (b) Read Matthew 10:21-25. What was Jesus warning his disciples about in this passage? What did he also tell them in John 15:20?
- (c) What did Paul remind the disciples in Acts 14:21-22 (also 2 Timothy 3:12; Philippians 1:29)?
- (d) What did Jesus remind his disciples in Matthew 10:26-31? What does he say is required of every disciple in Matthew 10:32-39? What great promises does he give us in Matthew 10:40-42?
- (e) What is one desire of a disciple (Luke 6:40)? What would you say should be the one goal of every disciple? What was said about the disciples in Acts 4:13?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 6:40 and Acts 4:13. What does it mean to “be like Jesus?” Why is this important? What should be the one goal and desire of every follower of Jesus? Pray that others might see Jesus in you this week.

DAY 3 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 6:41-42.** What issue does Jesus talk about in these verses?
- (b) Why would this also be essential for followers of Jesus (Romans 2:21-24; Titus 1:6; Jude 1:4)?
- (c) If we do not forgive others, how does it affect the gospel we share? How does it affect us and our heart for others?
- (d) What kind of attitude should believers have toward the faults of others (James 5:19-20; Jude 1:22-23; 1 Corinthians 10:12; 2 Thessalonians 3:14-15)?
- (e) Read Galatians 6:1-5. What does Paul tell us to do when we see someone overtaken by sin? What do many Christians do instead? Why do we do this (Psalm 36:2; Romans 3:9)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 6:41-42 and Jude 1:22-23. Talk about how pride causes us to judge others. What should be our attitude toward those in sin? Pray for some that are struggling spiritually. Pray that you might care enough to reach out to them.

DAY 4 – ASK FOR INSIGHT

READ THE PASSAGE

- (a) **Read Luke 6:43-45.** How does a person know who is really a follower of Jesus?
- (b) Where does our “goodness” come from (Romans 7:18; 2 Corinthians 4:6-7; Colossians 1:27)? How should this keep us humble (1 Corinthians 4:7)?
- (c) What does Jesus say is the source of all good things? In Matthew 15:17-20, what does Jesus say defiles a man?
- (d) Read Proverbs 4:20-23. What does this say about the heart (Proverbs 4:23)? How can we do this (Proverbs 4:20-22)?
- (e) What did David say in Psalm 119:9-11? How does memorizing scripture affect us (1 Thessalonians 2:13)?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 6:43-45 and Psalm 119:9-11. Talk about the importance of growing in God’s Word. Thank God for giving you His Word to read. Pray you will be diligent to hear from Him every day. Pray for someone you know who needs to know Jesus as Lord.

DAY 5 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

- (a) **Read Luke 6:46-49.** Why is it wrong for a disciple to call Jesus Lord and not obey the things he said?
- (b) Is it because of religious deeds that we enter into heaven (Matthew 7:21-23)? What characterizes the lives of believers?
- (c) Read Ephesians 5:1. What is the one thing that every disciple must do? How should this affect the way we live our lives (Ephesians 5:2)?
- (d) What warning does Paul give in Ephesians 5:3-7? Is he saying “anyone who does any of these things is not Christian” *or* is he saying, “this is not the kind of life believers live—so don’t live like this!”? Explain your answer.
- (e) What picture does Jesus use in Luke 6:48-49 to describe the difference between those who build their lives on his words and those who don’t? When do the two look the same? When is the difference revealed?
- (f) *Family:* Read Luke 6:46-49 and Ephesians 5:1-2. What does it mean to follow Jesus? How can we be imitators of God? How would your life be affected if you made it your daily concern to follow Jesus with all your heart? Pray that you can give a testimony about Jesus in your daily words and actions.

DAY 6 – ASK FOR INSIGHT**READ THE PASSAGE**

Think back through what you have learned each day this week. Read Luke 6:39-49. What is discipleship? How can we tell if a person is a follower of Jesus or not? Is church attendance a good indicator? Is right doctrine? What is the one thing that should direct believer’s lives? Why is the Word of God so important to us? Pray for your church tomorrow that God’s Word might effectively work in those who believe!

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The Disciple’s Life

“everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher.”