

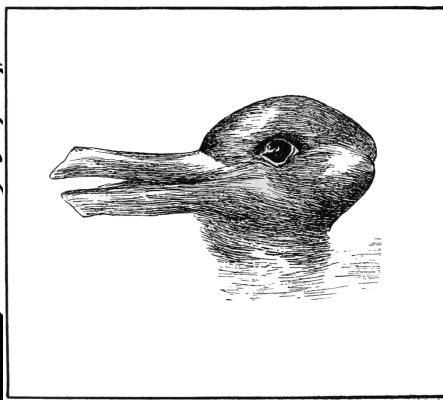
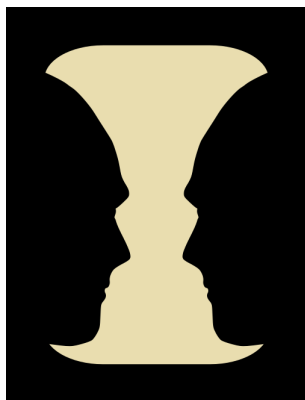
Luke

THE GOSPEL FOR THE LOST, THE LAST AND THE LEAST

Title: From Sin-Filled Life to a Forgiveness-Filled Life

Text: Luke 7:36-50

INTRODUCTION:



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- Jesus challenges the Pharisee's view of himself, others, sin, and Jesus.

BIG IDEA: Real _____ Results in Real _____

HISTORICAL & CULTURAL CONTEXT:

I. See the Need For Forgiveness.



II. See Others as Forgiven.

III. See Jesus as the Forgiver.

IV. See yourself as Forgiven.

Key Takeaways:

- Practice devotion rather than religious legalism
- Worship costfully
- Do you see others for who they have been? Or for who God can make of them?
- Live missionally to encounter the lost, the last, and the least.
- If you have Jesus, you have all you need



Life Group Questions:

Connect:

1. Open with a time to “preach.” Share what God has been teaching you in your life.
2. How does Jesus’ understanding of forgiveness differ from the world's?
 - Does this make it challenging to forgive as Christ does? Why or why not?
3. Have you ever caught yourself comparing your life, faith, or morality to someone else's and feeling better about yourself as a result?
 - Why can it be easier to measure ourselves against other people rather than against God's holiness? What does this reveal about our hearts?

Grow:

4. Jesus says, “But he who is forgiven little, loves little” (Luke 7:47, ESV).
 - Why do you think recognizing how much we have been forgiven leads to greater love for Jesus?
5. Is it more difficult to see yourself as forgiven, or see others as forgiven?
 - Why do you think that is?
6. Do you tend to simply “look at people”, or do you “truly see people”?
 - Why do you think that is?
7. Do you see people for who they have been, or for what God can make of them?
 - Why do you think that is?

Go:

8. The woman risks public embarrassment and gives something valuable to show her love and devotion to Jesus.
 - What might costly devotion look like for young adults today?
9. Jesus welcomes someone whom the religious community looks down on.
 - How can we build genuine relationships with people who are far from God without compromising our convictions?
 - What might it practically look like to be more welcoming and intentional toward people outside the church?
10. The central message of this sermon is that real forgiveness results in real love.
 - If someone observed your life, would they see that you understand and appreciate the forgiveness Jesus has given you?
 - What is one specific way you can live out of the forgiveness Christ offers?
11. Close by sharing prayer requests / praying as a group.

