

LIFEgroup Discussion Questions

October 14, 2018

Treasuring Jesus: The Coming Kingdom

Text: Luke 17.20-37

1. Read Luke 17.20-21. This section of scripture begins with the Pharisees asking about the kingdom of God. What is the kingdom of God? Why do you think the Pharisees ask Jesus when the kingdom is coming? What does Jesus say about its coming? What does it mean that the kingdom of God is in their midst?
2. Read Luke 17.22-25. Who is Jesus speaking to in 17.22? Who is this Son of Man and why does Jesus use this title (Daniel 7.13-14)? Why will they desire to see one of the days of the Son of Man?
3. How does Jesus describe the day of the Son of Man (17.24)? What is to happen first (17.25)? How does it affect you that Jesus willingly suffered and was rejected knowing what was coming beforehand? What does this mean for the disciples?
4. How should the fact that Jesus could return at any instant affect how you live? Is this something you look forward to or dread? Why?
5. Read Luke 17.26-30. What two comparisons are being made in the section? What were the days of Noah like (Genesis 6.11-13)? Compare this with how the days of Noah are talked about here in Luke. What Sodom like in the days of Lot (Genesis 19.1-11)? What were the people turned to?
6. Read Romans 1.18-32. How does this compare to the days of Noah and Lot? Do we see this today? Has there been a time when people were not like this? Do you think sinful people described in these comparisons will expect the coming judgment?
7. Read Luke 17.31-33. What day is Jesus talking about in this section? What is the person on the top of the house not to go get? What is the person in the field not to go and do? Why? What happened to Lot's wife (Genesis 19.17, 26)? Why did Lot's wife turn back? What are some areas of your life that you would have problems leaving behind? Do you have areas of your life that compete with your affections for the Lord?
8. Read Luke 17.34-37. What are the differing relationships Jesus speaks of in this section? One is taken and one is left. Who does the one who is taken represent (Acts 1.10-11)? Who does the one left represent?
9. What are the disciples asking Jesus in verse 37? Do the disciples want to know where the judgment is going to take place? What does Jesus' answer mean? If one sees vultures circling in the distance, what does that normally mean? Is it easy to see the vultures? What would this imply about the ease of seeing when the judgment comes?
10. What would it mean for one friend to be taken and the other not? Would this not imply that one person believed in Christ and the other didn't? What are you talking about with your loved ones and your friends? How sure are you of the people you love's salvation?

If there is someone you need to share the gospel with this week let us know for prayer support and if you would like to talk to someone on staff or elder about that contact us at info@ridgeonline.org.

Pray. Pray for the group and for the church that the Lord would give us a sense of urgency and boldness to share with those we know that do not know Jesus. The kingdom is coming. Let us live our lives in light of that.