



Week of March 3, 2019

Luke 6:39-49

³⁹ He also told them a parable: "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit?"

⁴⁰ A disciple is not above the teacher, but everyone who is fully qualified will be like the teacher.

⁴¹ Why do you see the speck in your neighbor's eye, but do not notice the log in your own eye?"

⁴² Or how can you say to your neighbor, 'Friend, let me take out the speck in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the log in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your neighbor's eye.

⁴³ "No good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit;

⁴⁴ for each tree is known by its own fruit. Figs are not gathered from thorns, nor are grapes picked from a bramble bush.

⁴⁵ The good person out of the good treasure of the heart produces good, and the evil person out of evil treasure produces evil; for it is out of the abundance of the heart that the mouth speaks.

⁴⁶ "Why do you call me 'Lord, Lord,' and do not do what I tell you?"

⁴⁷ I will show you what someone is like who comes to me, hears my words, and acts on them.

⁴⁸ That one is like a man building a house, who dug deeply and laid the foundation on rock; when a flood arose, the river burst against that house but could not shake it, because it had been well built.

⁴⁹ But the one who hears and does not act is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. When the river burst against it, immediately it fell, and great was the ruin of that house."



Group Leader

Remember: you don't need to use all of the questions. Go with what works. Give people a chance to think before answering, but if a question falls flat, move on. Let the discussion go where it needs to go, as long as it remains centered around the lesson. Give the participants page 1. Use this page for yourself.

Gathering questions:

- A. Describe a time when you were unconventional, or did what others did not yet think was acceptable. How did it work out?
- B. When have you been a role model to someone? How?

Bible Study Questions:

1. What do you think verse 40 means? Why is it located where it is?
2. Which of the sayings in this passage resonated with you the most? Why?
3. Considering verses 43-45, the metaphor is interesting because trees cannot change their character. Do you believe people are naturally good or bad, or can people change? How should we read Jesus' metaphor?
4. Most people are convicted by verses 41-42. When you read it, what comes to mind as the log in your own eye? What is the speck you most often notice in others?
5. When has the "river" burst against your "house"? Did your house stand or fall? What were the important factors that allowed you to persevere?
6. What is "good fruit" in your opinion? What is the "good fruit" of your life?
7. Who is someone who showed you how to live as a Christian? How can you do that for others?

Closing prayer: particularly invite prayers for ways in which to take the lead as Christians in showing others a better way to live