

The Gospel of Luke

The Essence of the Gospel

Luke 7:36-50 06.29.14

FURTHER STUDY:

1. Tough lessons for the Religious:

- ◆ _____ are invited whether we like it or not.
- ◆ In my _____ I ask if this God meets my _____.
- ◆ In my _____ I ask if this God would ever _____ me.

2. We all have the same Need:

- ◆ My _____ has _____ me from Almighty God.
Genesis 3:6-7 Romans 5:12
- ◆ My good _____ will never be _____ to pay for my sin.
Isaiah 64:6 Romans 3:11-12
- ◆ Our sins are _____ only at the _____ of Jesus Christ.
Galatians 2:21 Romans 3:20-26

3. When we understand our forgiveness in Christ...

- ◆ We have a _____ demeanor. Luke 7:41-43
- ◆ We _____ our Lord's leading. John 14:15
- ◆ We give _____ to others. Colossians 3:12-13

1. Apostle Paul used strong words such as "enemies" and "alienated" in Colossians 1:21 to describe our spiritual condition before we knew Christ. How do the following verses reinforce who we are before we come to know Christ and why we need forgiveness?

- Romans 1:18-25
- Romans 8:5-8
- Titus 3:3

If you were talking about forgiveness with someone who didn't have a church background, how would you answer if they asked you the following questions?

⇒ You seem like a good person, why do you need your sins forgiven?

⇒ What does Jesus' death on a cross have to do with forgiveness of my sins?

2. Psalm 51 gives us an amazing picture of King David after he was confronted by his friend Nathan, processing the realization of his own sinfulness and asking for forgiveness. Read Psalm 51:1-13, write any statements and thoughts that are important to you when dealing with your own sin.

How is his response similar to or different from how you usually deal with your sin?

3. When we remember our great need for forgiveness and God's incredible provision, we become more open and willing to forgive others. Jesus addressed this issue in his response to a question Peter asked him. What insights and principles do you learn about forgiveness from Jesus' straightforward answer and parable in Matthew 18:21-35?

⇒ What are some signs that a person may not have forgiven someone?

⇒ What are signs they have forgiven someone?

⇒ What do you think it means to "forgive as the Lord has forgiven you"? (Colossians 3:13)