

St. Jerome's Adult Bible Study

Assignment

Week 5 April 24

Read Luke chapters 8, 9, and 11 – *Parables, prayers, miracles*
(If you have time, also read chapters 7, 10, and 12)

Review the following questions:*

1. What questions do I have?
2. Who travels with Jesus in 8:1-3? What is most interesting about them?
3. What is a parable? Why does Jesus use parables?
4. What is the reason why the disciples receive an explanation while the others do not? How would the parable help the disciples to better understand what is happening in their ministry?
5. What kind of soil (8:11-15) am I right now? What kind of soil was I five years ago?
6. What is Jesus teaching me when I read about His ignoring and then rebuking the storm in 8:22-25?
7. How do I unwind when I get home from work: Eat? Read? Sleep? Play? TV?
8. Why does Jesus take his disciples away with him upon their return from preaching (vv. 9:1-10)?
9. How do I account for the difference in the way Jesus and the disciples view the crowd (vv. 9:10-12)? What thoughts must the disciples have had as they collected the leftovers (v. 9:17)? Do I have an abundance of leftovers?
10. What is a simple prayer I remember from my childhood? What is the funniest prayer I have ever heard a child say?
11. Compare Luke 11:2-4 with Matthew 6:9-15. Is the shorter prayer as powerful?
12. How does the Lord's prayer in Luke compare to my own prayers? Do I have a set time and/or place for prayer or am I more spontaneous? What do I mostly pray about: Praise? Confession? Petition? How do I want to improve my prayer life?
13. What is the most valuable gift God can give (v. 11:13)?
14. In 11:33-35, what does the light represent? The eye? The body? The darkness?
15. How would being "full of light" help me to tell others about Jesus?

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