

Our Sinful Instinct

Luke 9:43-56

- Our Instinct – _____
 - The Gospel Solution – Trust I am fully _____ and _____ in Christ.
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 - The Gospel Solution – Trust my _____ is only found in the _____ of Christ's _____.
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- Our Instinct – _____
 - The Gospel Solution – Trust in the _____ of Christ.
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- Our Instinct – _____
 - The Gospel Solution – Trust Christ has _____ me and _____ to enact _____.

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER REFLECTION:

1. Read Luke 9:23-27. We typically interpret this passage in regard to material possession – we should deny ourselves as we follow Christ, which is true. However, Jesus is also calling us to deny the very nature of who we are as sinful people in following Him. Have you ever considered we all have sinful instincts – that the very nature of who we are needs to be brought into obedience to Christ? Discuss as a group.
2. Luke 9:43-45 exposes the Disciples' insecurity as they were afraid to ask Jesus for further understanding. We are all insecure people. Insecurity is a sinful instinct that goes back to The Fall in Genesis 3. Discuss some ways you are insecure. How does the Gospel call you to trust that you are completely secure and accepted in Jesus? How can believing the truth of the Gospel help you stop believing the lies of insecurity?
3. Read Luke 9:46-48. In this text, the Disciples are arguing about who is the greatest - an argument always based on achievements and seeking to position people accordingly. How is this instinct anti-gospel? How does this instinct play out in your life? How can you deny this sinful instinct by trusting the Gospel?
4. Read Luke 9:49-50. In this text, the Disciples are upset because others are doing what they thought only they were able to do. Others were moving in on the Disciples' territory, and they stopped them. Our sinful instinct is to believe the lie that Jesus can only give to one at the expense of others. How does the truth of the Gospel teach us otherwise? How can you deny this instinct, making it obedient to Christ?
5. Lastly, read Luke 9:51-56. In this text, James and John desire to annihilate a village because the people would not welcome Jesus. This sinful instinct is called vengeance. At our core, we want people punished when we feel we have been wronged. How is this line of thinking anti-gospel? How does it show up in your life? How can you deny this instinct, making it obedient to Christ?