

Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life
Luke 20:41-21:6 October 13 & 16, 2022

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: Who was the strictest disciplinarian in your family/school?

Read out loud: Luke Luke 21:20-28

We should :

#1. Be who God calls us to be. Your testimony is your discernment through experience. What event/relationship led you to finally accept Jesus or get serious about following Him? Was it a slow process or sudden encounter? What gift or ability did He give you that you feel you need to use more often or wisely? What gift or ability did He give you that you underutilize?

#2. Change what God commands us to change. Your testimony is your connection to culture. "To the Jew I became a Jew that I might win the Jews, to the Gentiles I became a Gentile so I might win the Gentiles." I Corinthians 9:20. Do you struggle talking with people who are of a different: age, culture or social strata? Do you realize that GateWay has succeeded where a lot of churches fail by having 2 different styles of worship music! Why has it been not only accepted but identified as a strength of ministry at GateWay?

Read:"When they had set a day for Paul, people came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly testifying about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. 24 Some were being persuaded by the things said by Paul, but others would not believe." Acts 28:23-24. Do you need to be an Apostle Paul in someone's life? Who do you need to invite into relationship?

#3. Serve where God creates opportunities. Your testimony is serving people. "But we proved to be gentle among you, as a nursing mother tenderly cares for her own children." I Thessalonians 1:7. Who do you need to be more tender with whom your interacting? Why? Were your parents more on the nurturing side or disciplinary side? How did that impact you? If you have children, how have you absorbed or intentionally changed to deal with your own children?

Family Time: Use the word "redemption" from Luke 21:21. See if you can find a coupon or a soda can that has the word redemption on it. Explain to your kids that people collect them and take them to the recycle center and redeem them for money. People buy back cans, bottles, and plastic to reuse it. It has value. Jesus buys us and pays our way to heaven by giving His life on the cross.