

Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life
Luke 20:27-40, October 6 & 9, 2022

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: As you think back over the Gospel of Luke has there been a passage, miracle, character or speech that has impressed you, or taught you something that has changed you?

Read out loud: Luke 20:27-40

Facing reality with Jesus means:

#1. What questions are we willing to ask?

The Sadducees were unwilling to ask the logical question, "How do we become worthy?" because they thought Jesus was going to trap them. The only reason Jesus would trap anyone with His teaching is that He never wants anyone to be ignorant. What do you think the world is most ignorant of concerning Jesus? There's a lot of opinions about Jesus: liar, lunatic or Lord, are three; what are some others? Do you think people sit down and read the Gospels and say, "Based on all this information that I just read, I think Jesus is..." How do people form their opinion about Jesus?

#2. Who is our authoritative voice?

The authoritative voice for the Sadducees was the 5 books of Moses. When you spend all your time in the first 5 books of the Old Testament you can avoid all the corrections God gives through the books of the Prophets. Do you avoid reading certain parts of the Bible because you don't want to get corrected? Like James 1:20, "The anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God." Or do you avoid certain subjects with certain people because you don't want to hear their opinion again? We want the appearance of fairness more than we want the truth of God from scripture.

#3. When are we willing to accept truth?

The Sadducees were so sure they were right they closed to hearing new information, their minds were so made up they weren't open to correction. Can you think of a time when you were corrected in school, sports, family and the light bulb went on in your head and you learned something new from someone else's perspective? Can you think of a time you taught a family member something and it changed their mind about something?

Family Time: Read Luke 20:37-38 to your kids and share with them how Jesus interprets the Old Testament with good grammar. He uses the present continuous tense of the verb to prove even when our bodies die, our soul still lives and lives with God continuously. Talk about how even when you're not present physically with them you're still present in their minds and thoughts.