
GROUP DISCUSSION

Jesus the Philosopher: Answers for Life
Luke 17:11-19, June 30 & July 3, 2022

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: If someone were to ask and you answered, "Yes, I had a good day!" What would have happened that day that motivated you to say, "I had a good day?"

Read out loud: Luke 17:11-19

The Biblical worldview demands you focus your mind on God's:

#1. SOVEREIGNTY. Sovereignty means that God reigns supreme over all of His creation. Although God's power is infinite and eternal, it is guided and qualified by all of God's character traits or attributes. The gods of the Greeks and Romans were controlled by hunger for power or lust for gratification. The Hebrew God, the true God of the universe is controlled by His quest for righteousness, holiness, mercy and love for His creation. In what ways have you experienced God's power over the power of sin through the power of God's reign in your life through the usage of His righteousness and mercy? How is He working through you on a daily basis? Do you think you've grown more in your understanding of holiness or mercy or love?

#2. LOVE: HESED, AGAPE. Hesed is the Hebrew word for love. It is the word that is used of God's love for His people. It's a word that means, "loyal love.: God's love is totally committed to us and desires we respond accordingly. Scripture in several places says, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart." How do you show, experience, demonstrate your love for God? Agape is the Greek word for love. It is used as a verb and is the word that is used of a physical demonstration of love. "But God demonstrates His own love for us, that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us." Christ demonstrated His love by dying on the cross and paying for our sin. How should we demonstrate our love for God since He demonstrated His for us in such an overwhelming way?

#3. GRACE. It is the unearned, undeserved favor of God. When I accept Jesus payment for my sins I receive forgiveness and the mode of forgiveness is called faith. What I deserve is punishment for my sin, but because of Christ's payment and my faith in it, I receive God's grace. Sometimes this is called irresistible grace because God works his grace into me to draw me, but it does not mean that I have no responsibility to respond to God's grace through personal choice. We are supposed to receive gifts from other on Christmas or birthday's with graciousness. Appreciation for the gift. What's a gift in the past that you received that you really felt you responded with graciousness? What do you think of the idea: "If I have a theological aptitude of a Samaritan, I'll kneel in gratefulness to God and thank Him for His grace."?

Family Time: Read Luke 17:11-19 to your kids. give each child 3 gifts; the first can be a penny, the second a quarter and the third a dollar (or whatever denomination you choose!) Ask them: How did you feel when you got the penny? The quarter? The dollar? Were you more grateful for the penny or the dollar? How do you think the leper felt when he was healed of his disease? Why weren't the other 9 grateful?