

Luke 17:20-37 Pastor Ed Kemp

#### **MESSAGE NOTES**

Thursday, July 7 Sunday, July 10

Introduction

Now having been questioned by the Pharisees as to when the kingdom of God was coming, He answered them and said, "The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed; <sup>21</sup>nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or, 'There it is!' For behold, the kingdom of God is in your midst (within you)." 22And He said to the disciples, "The days will come when you will not see it <sup>23</sup>They will say to you, 'Look there! Look here!' Do not go away and do not run after them. <sup>24</sup>For just like the lightning, when it flashes out of one part of the sky, shines to the other part of the sky, so will the Son of Man be in His day. <sup>25</sup>But first, He must suffer many things and be rejected by this generation. <sup>26</sup>And just as it happened in the days of the Son of Man: 27they were eating, they were drinking, they were marrying, they were being given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark, and the flood came and destroyed them all. <sup>28</sup>It was the same as happened in the days of Lot: they were eating, they were drinking, they were buying, they were selling, they were planting, they were building; <sup>29</sup>but on the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven and destroyed them all. 30 It will be just the same on the day that the Son of Man is revealed. 31On that day, the one who is on the housetop and whose goods are in the house must not go down to take them out; and likewise the one who is in the field must not turn back. 32 Remember Lot's wife. 33 Whoever seeks to keep his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life will preserve it.

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The same place; one will be taken and the other will be left. There will be two women grinding at the same place; one will be taken and the other will be left. Two men will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be taken and the other will be left. The same place; one will be in the field; one will be taken and the other will be left. The said to Him, "Where, Lord?" And He said to them, "Where the body	
is, there also the vultures will be gathered."	
SO WHAT?!	
Jesus teaches simple truth:	
#1. Activate your faith like Noah. Salvation	
#2. Look forward like Lot.	
Sanctification	
#3. Contemplate God's integrity. Judgement	

### **GROUP DISCUSSION**

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

# **Prayer Requests:**

**Group Discussion:** Can you remember a teacher in your past or present who's really good at explaining concepts? How do they do it: broad vocabulary, logical flow, good illustrations or examples?

### Read out loud: Luke 17:20-37

Notice how Jesus uses the most well-known examples and notice how they contrast. Noah goes into a boat, Lot goes out of a city. Noah is confined for over a year and Lot leaves in a day. Both are a part of the judgment of God on their society and culture, Noah with rain and Lot with fire and brimstone. II Peter 2:5-7, says Noah was an outward preacher of righteousness and Lot was tormented in his soul daily in standing against unrighteousness.

## <u>Jesus teaches simple truths:</u>

#1. Activate your faith like Noah, which teaches us about Salvation. The action Noah took in building the ark validated his faith in God. The action did not earn Noah's salvation it validated that his faith was genuine. What kinds of actions in your life validated that you had placed your faith in Jesus? Do you struggle with feelings of hypocrisy when you aren't doing the things you may feel like you need to do to serve God? If you did all of them do you think those feelings of hypocrisy would totally go away? Which of those feelings is the Holy Spirit prompting and which do you think is just motivated by your human nature and insecurity?

#2. Look forward like Lot, which teaches us about Sanctification. Lot's wife is turned to salt by God because she looks back and longs to continue in the lifestyle of Sodom. God stops her from influencing Lot to go back to the city. When God asks you to be transformed by His Spirit in some way do you always take immediate action or do you have a tendency to procrastinate? How does your small group help you feel a sense of accountability or encouragement to follow through? Take a few minutes right now to pray for each other about what you've discussed in your group.

#3. Contemplate God's integrity which teaches us about God's righteous judgment. Judges sit in a court and decide guilt, innocent, fines and sentences. We trust the judge knows the law and applies it fairly to everyone. God is called the righteous judge because He created us, wrote the law for our benefit, and holds us accountable to obey it. Why do humans object so strongly to God holding us accountable to be what He wants us to be? Read Luke 17:1-6. Jesus taught His disciples that if they just had a mustard seed of faith they would have an attitude of forgiveness. Is that a law and how good are you at obeying it? If you had a magic wand and change anything about the way you live for Christ what would you zap?

**Family Time:** Make a list with your kids about what you do everyday, what you do that never changes from day to day. Ask them how they would feel if one day God changed everything? Read Luke 17:27 about how God changed Noah's world. What do you think Noah continued to do everyday even when he was on the Ark and afterwards.