

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

Prayer Requests:

Group Discussion: What was it like for you when you took speech in School?

Read out loud: Luke 21:5-19

Make your commitment to Jesus:

#1. A person not a place. "...not be left *one* stone upon another, which will not be torn down." Paul says, "Pray without ceasing," so do you, "Practice the presence of God," and talk to Jesus all day long? Do you feel closer to God when you're in church, if so, why do you think that is? Is there a habit you could build to help you sense the presence of Jesus as you go through the other 6 days of life?

#2. Foundational not fragile. ⁸And He said, "See to it that you are not misled;" We make commitments all through our lives, in classes and sports when we're in school, in jobs and careers, we make vows in marriage, we sign contracts when we buy cars and houses. When we accept Jesus we make a commitment for eternal life, do you ever go back and renew your commitment to Jesus? Is there a time when you recommitted your life and what did that look like. Maybe it was a time you felt you got serious with Him.

#3. Bible centered not human centered. "...many will come in My name, saying, 'I am *He*,' and, 'The time is near.' Do not go after them. Just because human beings say something is okay we need to ask ourselves what does God's word say about this issue, what issues in life do you think God's Word most influences you in a positive way?

#4. Multi-disciplinary not closed interpretation. "...for these things must take place first, but the end *will not follow* immediately." "Of that day or hour no one knows." Matthew 24:36. Are you an open person willing to listen to other opinions or do you tend to listen to one person and accept it as fact? How do you discern between a legitimate different opinion and a false teacher?

#5. Your best opportunities not your worst tragedies. ¹⁵" for I will provide you eloquence and wisdom which none of your adversaries will be able to oppose or refute." ¹⁹" By your endurance you will gain your lives." What's one life lesson you learned from hard times?

Family Time: Read Luke 21:13, "It will lead to an opportunity for your testimony." Ask your kids to tell you their story/testimony. How did they become a Christ follower and how has Jesus shaped their life. You might help them with a key word from the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5; love, joy, peace, patience, goodness, kindness, gentleness, faithfulness and self-control.