



A Heart for God

The Gospel of Luke

Bible study for the week starting June 20, 2021 A Heart for God: Seeking Signs

SHARE

1. Have you ever asked God for a sign? (This assumes you haven't heard a regular, audible voice from heaven.) Did God give you that sign? How do you know it was from Him? If God gave you a sign, what was the impact that had on your life? What if you hadn't received it?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Jonah 3, which is referenced in today's reading from Luke. The message God called Jonah to preach was one of repentance, and the evil, idolatrous Ninevites responded in a positive way. Why was Jesus in such a mood to call people to repentance?
3. Read Philippians 1:21-30. Paul talks about firm faith even amid suffering being a "sign" of salvation. What insight does this give into people seeing signs in us rather than just seeking signs from God?
4. Read Luke 11:29-54. We see in these verses an antagonistic relationship setting up between Jesus and the religious leaders. No surprise, He saves much of His harshest criticism for this exact group of people. What was it about them that warranted this criticism?
5. God wants us to "ask, seek, knock" (Luke 11), especially in prayer. Describe the tension in which we walk between this and seeking signs in a wrong way.

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. Share what's going on in your lives and pray for these joys and needs.



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Luke 11:29-54

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Economically SUCCESSFUL but spiritually BANKRUPT.

The message Jesus preached was simple: REPENT and BELIEVE.

What kind of generation asks for a sign? An EVIL generation.

Lack of repentance and faith HARDEN a person's heart to what's right in front of them: "If they do not hear Moses and the Prophets, neither will they be convinced if someone should rise from the dead" (Luke 16:30).

Jesus is the supreme TRUTH-teller, who isn't afraid to call a sin a sin, and is not all that worried about OFFENDING people who need to be called out, no matter their title or status.

The scribes and Pharisees chose to double down and "began to PRESS Him hard and to PROVOKE Him to speak about many things, lying in wait for Him, to CATCH Him in something He might say" (Luke 11:53-54).

There is a DEEPER, INNER problem in our hearts that only God can fix.