



Bible study for the week starting October 24, 2021

Thy Kingdom Come: Two Men in the Temple

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1. We live in a world of comparison. Though we know God doesn't judge us on a curve (how we do compare to the person next to us), it's SO easy to fall into this trap. Where do you find yourself succumbing to the temptation to "compare"? (Example: Keeping up with the Jones's, social media fooling you into thinking everyone else's life is perfect, etc.)

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

2. Read Psalm 14. Verse 3 reminds us, "there is none who does good, not even one." What insight does this give to our temptation to compare our righteousness to that of others? What does it mean to be righteous, anyway?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 5:17-21. We are all united in our sin and need for the Savior. What do we hear about the role of Jesus in these verses, and the effect it has on our life as a "new creation," even now?
4. Read Luke 18:9-14. This parable is a reminder of what Jesus continually says in Luke's Gospel about the last being first and the first being last, the humble being exalted and the exalted being humbled. What else do these verses tell you about those attributes for which Jesus is looking in His kingdom?
5. The lens through which we read the Gospels – and even all of Scripture – is through the death and resurrection of Jesus; this is the story that changes everything. If we "read backwards" from the resurrection, what light does this shed on the interaction Jesus has with those who were trusting in their own righteousness, not to mention those who were type-cast as "sinners"?

PRAY FOR AND WITH ONE ANOTHER

6. I've had several conversations over the past couple weeks about "divine appointments" God has made, where He has placed someone in your life and given you the opportunity not just to say "I'll pray for you," but to actually stop and pray in the moment. Has this happened to you lately?

Think about the things that have come up in the last hour and pray for those situations specifically.



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Luke 18:9-14

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There are TWO kinds of people in the world...

“He told this parable to some who trusted in THEMSELVES that they were RIGHTEOUS, and treated OTHERS with CONTEMPT.” - Luke 18:9

Jesus doesn't talk ABOUT these self-righteous people; Jesus talks TO them.

God doesn't grade our righteousness on a CURVE.

“For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew NO sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.” -2 Cor. 5:21

There is ONE kind of person in this world, but there are certainly TWO kinds of responses.

Floyd's General Store or the Orthopaedic Surgeon

Work through the Gospels BACKWARDS.