



LIFEWork for the week starting October 31, 2021

RECEIVING THE KINGDOM – Luke 18:15-34

PRAY – STUDY – SHARE

1. Read the text again and discuss any insights that especially popped up for you from the text or this week's sermon.
2. Three very different texts. As you look over them, can you again tie them together thematically? (hint --- the sermon title)
3. Read verses 15-16. What was the practice the crowds were practicing?
What was the purpose?
What did Jesus' response say about this practice?
Discuss some modern "practices" that could be dismissed as "old school & irrelevant" and how they might still have value.
4. Discuss and compare the ideas of "believing" for salvation and "receive the kingdom of God".
5. What is meant by the historic description of the 1st and 2nd "tables" of the 10 commandments? How are these two defined? Which commandments are on which?
6. Pastor challenged us to consider Jesus' persona. There is no known right answer. Discuss it amongst your group.
7. Study verses 29-30 and discuss ways that this is fact in "this time"?
8. Study verse 31. What are the two different ways this could be interpreted?
I.E. is Jesus fulfilling prophecy or do the OT prophets see the future?
What is the definition of prophecy? Think of, or research, a verse that supports the idea that God allowed prophets to have a glimpse of the future.
9. Try to imagine at what age Jesus knew the truths of verses 32-33 and what it would be like to carry that around with you every day, especially as you are confronted with hateful antagonists.



Receiving the Kingdom

Luke 18:15-34

October 31, 2021 - Pastor D. R. Hilken

ATTITUDES essential for receiving the Kingdom

CHILDLIKENESS and the Kingdom of God (vs 15-17)
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IDOLATRY and the Kingdom of God (vs 18-30)
Why do bad things happen to GOOD people?
it has happened 100% of the time

Which is it? ... God or Teacher?

ONE thing (vs 22)

Jesus, SOMBER or SILLY

camel through the eye of a needle
IMPOSSIBLE (vs 27)

Receiving the Kingdom --- D-O vs D-O-N-E

- Religion is spelled D-O, and is all about trying to DO enough to please God. (and how can you know if YOU'VE done enough?????)
- The real problem is that God created us to be perfect, so no one can ever DO enough (Romans 3.23 -- *for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,*)
- But Christianity is spelled D-O-N-E.
- God, through Jesus, has **DONE** what we could never do. He lived the perfect life to satisfy the Father's standard and died on the cross to pay for all the ways we violated the Father's standards.
- But it's not enough just to know this. We receive what he has done and submit to Him being God and Savior of our lives.

FULFILLING the REAL Kingdom of God (vs 31-34)

Twin peaks and only the Father has the SCHEDULE