

UNCOMMON

THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM OF JESUS

LUKE 6:43-49 | DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. In this part of Jesus' sermon on the mount he's addressing obedience. When you hear the word obedience, what is the first thing that comes to mind and why?
2. If you were going to summarize Jesus' main point in this passage in your own words, what would you say? What relevance does Jesus' point have for today?
3. Jesus essentially says that we are what we say and do – even when it's hard to admit. In what ways have you tried to measure your love for God by your intentions instead of your actions. Why is this so dangerous/inappropriate?
4. Jesus' teaching on obedience isn't that we obey in order to receive salvation. Rather, true salvation always produces obedience. What happens when we believe that our salvation is based on our works? What attitudes does this produce?
5. Knowledge without obedience is pretty much useless in the kingdom of God. Historically, though, there's always been an emphasis on knowledge. Why do you think that is? What steps can be taken to correct this and promote balance?
6. Is there an area of your life in which you clearly understand the will of God but refuse to walk in obedience? What all factors into that willful disobedience? From this passage, what would Jesus say about your disobedience?
7. Jesus warns that "floods will come" in our living of the Christian life. Suffering is inevitable. The floods of life expose the foundations of our faith. How has past obedience to God's will prepared you for the suffering of life? How has past disobedience made present sufferings more difficult? Why is this so?
8. Share a time/situation in which you wanted to obey God but was not sure how.
9. In light of today's message, what are some concrete and practical steps you will take today so that you apply the Word to your life? How can we help?