

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

These questions are designed to help you talk about God's word and Pastor Brian's message with friends and family. You of course can use your own questions, but we'd like to give you this tool to encourage Biblical fellowship and discipleship in your circle of relationships. ***Enjoy discovering more about Him!***

"JESUS OUR SOURCE FOR ALL OUR RESOURCE" | LUKE 19:1-17 | PASTOR BRIAN

WARM-UP QUESTION:

What is one of your greatest accomplishments?

"Jesus Our Source for Power and Authority" - (verses 1-6)

What is your response to Jesus saying we will do greater things than He did?

Which of God's blessings are easy for you to see as coming from Him? Which do you tend to forget that He gives?

"Jesus Our Source"- (verses 7-9)

What is the difference between being curious about Jesus and having faith in Him?

"Jesus Our Source for all We Achieve" - (verses 10-11)

How is Jesus (in this passage or in your life) showing Himself and His work to be bigger than you expected?

"Jesus Our Source for all Our Needs" - (verses 12-17)

What is one thing, no matter how small, God has given you to use for Him?

What is something you lack that you can ask Him to supply?

Jesus our Source for all our Resource

I. Slide1 Announce:

A. Slide2,3 Lar: VBS. Women's Summer Event.

B. Slide4 Fathers Day Gift: Popcorn and Redbox code.

1. **Father's**: I love being a father (both fathering, and now grandfathering). Earthly fathering has taught me a lot about my heavenly Father and how He fathers us. **Fathers** today don't beat yourself up for any mistakes in your fathering, **instead**, continue to draw close to **Jesus**. **We need Him**.

2. **63%** of youth suicide are from fatherless homes. **90%** of all runaway children are from fatherless homes. **85%** of all children with behavioral disorders are from fatherless homes. **71%** of high school dropouts are from fatherless homes. **75%** of all adolescent chemical abuse patients and drug treatment centers are from fatherless homes. **85%** of all youths in prison are from fatherless homes.¹

a) *A father's influence is out of proportion when compared to his mocked diminished role in Western society.* John Lindell

b) **Father's your are valued by God. You have such an incredible influence.**

C. **Juneteenth** (representing June 19th) though a **new** Federal Holiday, **yet** it's the **oldest** nationally celebrated commemoration of *the ending of slavery in the United States*. From its Galveston, Texas origin in 1865, the observance of June 19th as the African American Emancipation Day has spread across the U.S. and beyond.

1. **The Bible itself is** a book written **by the oppressed, for the oppressed**.

An exile (Moses) wrote the Pentateuch to a nation of **ex-slaves**.

2. **Liberation** is one of the greatest themes in the Bible.

3. I believe **emancipation, freedom, liberation, anti-slavery** is something to be celebrated. **Juneteenth** celebrates the **end** of a **National Sin**

¹ James Lindell, James River Church.

(Ex.21:16 *Whoever steals a man and sells him, and anyone found in possession of him, shall be put to death*).

D. **Prayer:** My heart goes out to *Mary Jane Hughes* as her husband, our friend **John**, had a heart attack and died on Friday. (Sarah, J.R.)

II. Slide5 **Intro:** *Jesus our Source for all our Resource*

A. **Theme:** Dependence on God. **Sub-Theme:** Learning to trust God for everything on our journey. **Rely on God for your provisions. God provides. Look to *The Source for all your Resource.***

III. Slide6a **JESUS OUR SOURCE FOR POWER & AUTHORITY (1-6) READ** 12 Sent

A. Here, Jesus records their commissioning as apostles, representatives ***sent out*** to proclaim the message that Jesus has inaugurated *the kingdom of God*.

B. Jn.14:12 Jesus said, *Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do, because I am going to the Father.* 2 questions:

1. **What works did Jesus do?** *He proclaimed, He taught, He loved, He fed, He served, and was in intimate relationship w/the Father.*

a) **So**, what He did, *His followers* should be doing today.

2. **In what way will our works be greater than Jesus'?** Well it's not that Jesus was JV & we are Varsity. [**No**, its **1 person vs. many**]

a) **i.e.** Jesus in 1 place, at 1 time, *teaching/feeding/healing* 1 group of people.

Now His church if millions is scattered all across the globe.

3. **So it's not in the *magnitude* are we greater than Jesus, but in the *multitude***

a) This is the 1 problem with the **Omni-present** becoming **singularly-present**.

4. As Christians we have power ***not just*** to **heal people** **so** they can **die later**. We have ***the authority*** to ***beckon people into a kingdom*** that has **no end** (where **healings** are no longer needed **and** **death** has no more sting).

C. **2 Lessons:**

- D. Slide6b [1] The disciples were sent out *with a calculated deficit*. Might you be also?
Yes! [we are dependent on Him!]
1. What man-made thing do I depend on so I might serve Him? Am I dependent upon anything other than God to serve Him?
- E. Slide6c [2] Remember, *you are a resource that The Source uses*. Sometimes we mistakenly see **our job** as our source, **or people** as our source. **And God will use these, but ultimately, *Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change***. James 1:17 [*the Eternal Source of light is not like the sun & moon, that are subject to variation, or even eclipse*].
1. **Your salary** may come through your company, **but** it came **from** your heavenly Father. **People are not your provider, God is your provider.**
 2. **You're not at the mercy of the economy, or Russia's oil, or at the mercy of your boss, or who likes you in upper management. God has all kinds of resources He can use.** (like a fish to pay Peter's taxes)
- F. Remember in Ruth, where Ruth goes into Boaz's field to glean grain. Boaz tells his guys in charge of the reapers to drop handfuls for her to pick up.
1. She believes **Boaz** is *blessing* her (and practically he was), **but ultimately** it was **God**. From Boaz's own lips he tells her ***The Lord repay you for what you have done, and a full reward be given you by the Lord, the God of Israel, under whose wings you have come to take refuge!*** (Ruth 2:12)
 2. Boaz was the *resource* that God used. **Be thankful for the resource but keep your eyes on the Source.**
 3. When you get a **healing** you can thank the **doctors**, even the **medicine**, **but** take it all the way back to **the Source**.
 4. It wasn't a lucky break or a coincidence, it was **the Source**.

IV. Slide7a **JESUS OUR SOURCE (7-9) READ** Herod Perplexed

- A. Herod Antipas, was **anxious** to learn about the *true identity* of Jesus.
 Herod really wants to know ...

1. Is he the OT prophet **Elijah**, who was **expected to return** someday.
 2. **Or**, one of the other the **OT prophets**, back from the dead?
 3. **Or** most imp, is he **the reincarnation of John the Bap** whom I beheaded.
- B. **Herod sought to see Him** - and he waited a long time to ask Jesus a lot of questions, to which Jesus didn't answer anything. (Lk.23:6-12)
- C. **Slide7b Herod**, It takes more than **curiosity** about Christ, it takes faith & repentance.
- D. **Are you curious about Christ or need Him?**

V. **Slide8a JESUS OUR SOURCE FOR ALL WE ACHIEVE (10,11) READ**¹² Return

- A. (10) **On their return** - Luke resumes the narrative from (9:6). This verse is about a little *ministry debrief* about their *short term trip*.
- B. (11) A **one-hit wonder** is a **musical artist** who is successful with **one hit song**, **but** without a comparable subsequent hit. If **Jesus** were a **musical artist**, His biggest hit would be singing about ... *the kingdom of God*.
1. **Whenever crowds emerge what is the 1 thing He would always speak on?**
Slide8b The kingdom of God. [John Bap 1st preach (Mt.3:2); **Jesus** 1st preach (Mt.4:8)]
 - a) It wasn't on *overthrowing the existing government*, as bad as it was.
 It wasn't on trying to make everyone *earthly-wealthy*.
 2. **No**, He would explain that there is **a larger problem** than either of these:
 - a) That **our sins** keep us from the Father, which resulted in being **eternally separated** from God. **So** Jesus was establishing a kingdom that literally was *out of this world*.
 - b) See when people would infer that they should take over Rome, **Jesus insisted** they were **thinking too small**. He came to establish *a kingdom* that was going to *end all kingdoms*. **Now**, He certainly cared about their *earthly needs* (He just fed 5000+ people) (*compassionate*, Mrk account)
 3. **So** this miracle is **not** just *a temporary filling of bellies*, **but** it also looks out to *a future kingdom* where there is **no hunger**, where there is **no**

oppression, where the **sin** that causes both of those, will have **no** place there

VI. Slide9a **JESUS OUR SOURCE FOR ALL OUR NEEDS (12-17) READ** 5000 Fed

- A. I guess after the 12 experienced some *power and authority* (1-6) they feel that they can *tell the Rabbi what he needs to do, send them away!*
- B. Slide9b This is a story about **resources**. This is a story about dependence on God with resources. Wait, didn't we just learn this lesson? I guess not.
- C. We've all seen God's faithfulness, yet we run into the next situation and we rely on our own finances, strength, wisdom, etc.
- Remember they just saw Jesus calm a storm, cast out a legion of demons, bring back a little girl from the dead, raised a boy from the dead, heal a woman w/a discharge for 12 years.
- D. (13) One of them whips out a **calculator** and starts writing on a **whiteboard**.
Uhh, *We have no more than five loaves and two fish - unless we are to go and buy food for all these people.* [eg. 3 Storm stadiums full to capacity]
- E. Slide9c This is the lesson God provides. In both the first section and this section.
- If you feel you're just limping along in life, remember **God provides**. Quit looking at what you don't have, **God provides**. But I don't feel I'm smart, that's ok, **God provides**. I'm not eloquent, that's ok **God provides**. I don't have much resources, that's ok, **God provides**.
 - God provided for** stuttering **Moses** to stand before pharaoh, saying *let my people go*. **God provided for** **Gideon** and his very *under resourced army* in Judges 6. **God provided for** a teenager **David** using just 1 rock to take down a giant in his life. **God provided for** the teenager **Daniel** to put the world leader *Nebuchadnezzar* in his place. **God provided for** a rag tag group made up of *fisherman, a tax collector, a zealot, & others* to start a worldwide movement.
 - Slide9d This is the God we serve. The God who we make much of!
 - How inadequate is 5 loaves & 2 fish in a lil boys hands? It's not inadequate at all ... when God stirs in *His resources*.

4. This is about how **inadequate** the disciples are, & how **adequate** God is.

a) Don't **do** for Him, let Him **do** *through us*.

F. **Question:** Who provided the people food, **Jesus** or the disciples? The answer is **Yes!**

1. Both of them did. **The disciples** passed out the food **that Jesus** provided!

2. **And they all ate and were satisfied** (χορτάζω / chortazo) - filled with satisfaction, full.

G. **12 baskets left over** - my guess is "*the twelve*" haven't eaten yet. It takes a while to serve 20-30,000 people. **Principle:** when you feed others 1st, you will be well fed.

1. **When you look after only your own interest, you will starve.**

2. If **your life** is about feeding **your** wants, **your** needs, **your** desires, **your** happiness ... **you are going to starve.**

3. **Man's kingdom** is *the kingdom of scarcity*, the kingdom of **Jesus** is *the kingdom of abundance/blessing*. Focus on others!

4. **Jesus, our bread from heaven**, still provides enough until we are satisfied and He has so much more to spare. *His compassion, capability, and care* is beyond our **need**, beyond our **deserving**, and beyond our **comprehension**.

a) It started with His **12** carrying His bread to the **Jews**, **and** ends with **us** taking what was left over to the **Gentiles**.

b) Still today He desires to **send us forth** to **fill** and **satisfy** **hungry souls**.

c) **Hungry masses are dying of starvation, because they lack the bread of life**. Jesus speaks to the church today, **you give them something to eat!**

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