

Sermon Discussion Questions

Getting Started:

What was most challenging, helpful, or troubling in the sermon?

Digging Deeper:

1. Reflect: See Lev 21:17-18; and Matt 21:14. What would best describe Jesus' actions in Matt in contrast to Lev 21:17-18? Ex: Contradicts, reverses, fulfills, re-interprets, clarifies or corrects.
2. If Jesus had never saved you, what do you think you would most likely take center stage in your life? try to name top 2. What does your top 2 lists do for you?
 - a. How does life in Christ bring 'new' thoughts beliefs, and actions against this old life?
3. See Acts 3:12; Matt 6:5-6 and reflect: "[In the prodigal of the lost son, Luke 15] There could not be a more powerful warning: the elder brother is not lost despite his obedience to the father but because of it. Jesus shows us that the problem is self-justification, the belief that we can win blessing through our virtue."
 - a. "I obey God out of duty, not delight. But at the end of the day, am I missing out much in my piety?" How would you respond?
 - b. In what way can our own personal piety or diligent personal habits lead us to take credit for the things we desire in life?
4. Read Acts 3:17-18. "It doesn't seem fair that God is holding people accountable for being ignorant!" How would you help? See Rom 3:19-23 for help.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit:

- a. Pray: What are some of the next steps to take with non-Christians in your life that most intimidate you?
- b. Where has your walk with Christ been mostly duty and devoid of delight? How has your heart lost its wonder and amazement of who Jesus is and the message of the gospel?