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Luke 8

Parable of the Sower ... 1-15

Second tour of Galilean countryside (1st – ch 4 ... 3rd – ch 9)

Kingdom of God ... present and future reality associated with the term

Mary (Magdalene) ... not the same Mary as in ch 7

Seeds sown as indicated was not unusual so the people of that time could relate

What is a challenge when it comes to listening to the Word of God?

When it comes to the words of verse 10, what really is the problem (or with whom and why is this)?

Soils types and the significance of each ...

Path –

Rock –

Thorns –

Good –

Read through the churches in Revelation 2 & 3 ... Quick observations

A Lamp on a Stand ... 16-18

A common phrase/term we can use to describe this section would be what?

See Psalm 119:105

Luke 11:28

Hebrews 4:12-13

James 1:22

Goes back to the importance of listening ... what it really means to do so.

Jesus’ Mother and Brothers ... 19-21

Explain why the response of Jesus was not harsh or cold toward His ‘family’?

Jesus Calms the Storm ... 22-25

What is that catches your attention with these disciples?

How can we keep 'fear and despair' in perspective?

Comment. Jesus only takes action if you have enough faith.

The Healing of a Demon-possessed Man ... 26-39

What do you observe about this man as he comes face to face with Jesus?

What truth do we need to keep in mind with this account?

A Dead Girl and a Sick Woman ... 40-56

One of the ways Jesus identified Himself as the One promised was through this, and that is?

What did Jesus want to make sure was heard by this woman who had touched Him?

The key to healing is what, or not what?

How did Jesus get the last laugh?

Something further to think about ...

What have you found helpful when it comes to listening to the Word? (Ps 1)

The Word of God is still powerful to call people to repentance and faith, so what has changed and what needs to change in our current times as people seem to be distant from the Word? (Rom 10)

What was a common reaction of those who had experienced God's hand of healing? (2 Cor 1)

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Luke 9

Jesus Sends Out the Twelve ... 1-9

How did Jesus equip His disciples for the task?

How does He equip us for a similar task?

What (were) are the challenges to witnessing (then too)?

Why do you think Herod reacted the way he did upon the news of what was going on?

Jesus Feed the Five Thousand ... 10-17

What are some of the details within this section that catch your attention of why such are included?

How do we see ourselves in the approach the disciples first took with Jesus?

What is included with the answer Jesus gave, “You give them something to eat”?

How do the words from Mark 9:24 apply in connection to this account?

Peter’s Confession of Christ ... 18-27

Why was Jesus asking what the people thought about Him?

What did the response He received reveal?

Think about the way Peter answered. What comes to mind knowing he said that about Christ?

Jesus did not hide what was going to happen to Him ... He still moved forward with the mission.

What does it mean to ‘deny oneself’?

‘Take up *his* cross’?

‘Follow Jesus’?

Bottom line, what Jesus is saying here is that it is all about ...

Though the disciples then did not grasp it at the time, what was Jesus assuring them of?

The Transfiguration ... 28-36

What does this account say to us about Jesus?

Why Moses & Elijah?

Peter had the right idea, just not the right time. Anything we can relate to in our day?

The voice offered encouragement, witness, command. Elaborate on that comment.

The Healing of a Boy With an Evil Spirit ... 37-45

Why were the disciples not able to help this man and his son?

Are we still an unbelieving and perverse generation? If so, explain.

Comment. The disciples were not ready to grasp the whole truth about Jesus.

Who Will Be the Greatest?

How could they ask / argue about such a thing?

What is the point of using a child for this illustration?

What are some implications/applications we can draw from vs 50?

Samaritan Opposition ... 51-56

Did Jesus set up His disciples for a show down?

The Cost of Following Jesus ... 57-62

What are some words we can use to describe the answers Jesus received?

Words we use to describe the excuses of today ...

Something further to think about ...

God reminds us on multiple occasions in Scripture about what we can expect in life, at least in a general way, and yet what do we have to admit?

What can we do to sharpen our listening skills/ability?

We are going to come across people who will treat us with disrespect as a result of our connection to Jesus and holding to His teachings, what advice can you offer to your fellow Christians even as you apply such to yourself?

Commitment ... Priorities ... Attitude ... Sacrifice ... Temporary ... Big Picture ... Clarity ... Confession ... Faith

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Luke 10

Jesus Sends Out the Seventy-two ... 1-24

Appointed and sent, the significance.

What does the Lord say we ought to do about the harvest being plentiful?

Put the point of verses 3 & 4 in your own words.

In connection with being welcomed and not welcomed, we turn to 2 John & 3 John.

1 John 4:1-6

Romans 16:17-18

Why would it be worse for these cities noted than for Sodom?

What should not come as a surprise to people based on these words?

Why do people think God is unfair in His treatment of them/the world?

What is it that condemns one before God, separates eternally one from God?

While the people were excited to see power in action, Jesus curbs their excitement by saying what?

What truth does Jesus make clear toward the end of this section?

With God’s salvation in our heart there will be, needs to be, an attitude of _____?

The Parable of the Good Samaritan ... 25-37

Do you think people today are concerned about the same question asked in vs 25? If not, why not?

What is the key word in Jesus’ response?

What makes this difficult to do?

Mention of the location points out this was not an easy trip, not a safe road to travel.

Sum up the point of Jesus' Parable.

At the Home of Martha and Mary ... 38-42

Was Mary neglecting Martha?

Think of all the distractions which keep us from giving our attention to Jesus / the Word of God.

See Matthew 6:33-34.

Expound on the phrase 'time and place.'

Something further to think about ...

What are ways we do, and can do, the work of spreading the Gospel as the harvest remains plentiful?

What does love for our neighbor look like today?

See Psalm 1

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Luke 11

Jesus’ Teaching on Prayer ... 1-13

Snapshot ... Address ... Petitions ... Doxology later ... Verses 2-4 = what to pray for ... Verses 5-13 = how to pray

Jesus taking time to pray is nothing new. What are the takeaways then from verse 1?

Matthew 6 has the longer version (don’t pray like the pagans – babble; Luke is in response to request to be taught) ... Our Father in heaven ... Your will be done on earth as in heaven ... today ... debts ... but deliver us from evil

Kingdom – continue to rule in our hearts and begin to rule in the hearts of others (Rom 10:17)

Daily / Today – contentment (Phil 4:10ff)

Forgive – What is involved with forgiveness?

Temptation – not get caught up into (make nest)

Sum up the section on ‘how’ to pray?

In connection with verses 9-10, you ask but do not receive. Is that a contradiction to what said here?

Verse 13 – evil = weak, sinful

Note how the gifts are described which come from God?

James 1:16-17

Jesus and Beelzebub ... 14-28

At least two things can jump out at us in the opening verses.

How did Jesus point out, and refute, their foolish train of thought?

It is one thing to have a ‘clean’ heart, it is another when ... (finish the thought based on verses 24-26).

Family lines are not what matters to God, what matters to Him? See James 1:22-25; 2:17

The Sign of Jonah ... 29-32

What is your reaction to Jesus’ words in verse 29?

The Lamp of the Body ... 33-36

Finish the thought: What the people needed to see was ...

If one has light, what will that enable them to do?

Psalm 119:105

Matthew 5:14-16

Six Woes ... 37-54

Can outside actions accurately reflect what is in the inside of a person?

If not, what can?

In connection with verse 41, it is one thing to say 'I love you,' it is another to do what?

With the various examples in this section, what was the problem Jesus was pointing out?

Think of some of the rules and traditions and laws families and churches and society have come up with which actually burden people rather than free them (give peace of mind).

Hosea 6:6

In connection with verse 52, think of how many churches use the name of Jesus but actually do not focus one's attention on Jesus. How so, and what does that say about the leaders of such churches?

Hebrews 12:1-3

2 Timothy 4:3-5

No matter what Jesus was saying, certain religious leaders of that day still were what and why?

Something further to think about ...

If you had to come up with one word to describe what Jesus wants to see from His followers, what would that one word be?

When it comes to your prayer life, based on a review of Jesus' words on prayer, what might you 'do' differently?

If Jesus Himself, in the flesh, was ignored and accused of being the 'enemy,' what can we expect?

God is not calling on us to be (become) poor, but He is calling on us to be what?

Where does that need to start with you this week? (answer to self)

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Luke 12

Warnings and Encouragements ... 1-12 *Which do you ‘love’ more – warnings or encouragements?*

Keep in mind the context, what Jesus has been up against (53-54).

Based on verse 1, what could you say about Jesus’ earthly ministry?

What is involved with the words ‘be on guard’?

Why is the word ‘yeast’ fitting to use in this context?

See Galatians 5:1-15

Do you find comfort in verses 2 & 3?

Recall 2 Timothy 4:3-5

Who is Jesus referring to in verses 4 & 5, and what is the point?

Consider Revelation 2:10

The description of ‘hell’ here portrays a fire that does not go out (dumps in the ‘old’ days)

In connection with verses 6 & 7, what promise is made ... and kept?

Recall Psalm 121

Recall the 7th Petition

Allegiance, confession of faith, loyalty, membership ... call it what you want – it matters / is important.

How can we make our loyalty clear? (See 2 Peter 1:5-11)

In verse 10, how is one forgivable and the other is not?

Recall a time when you gave a witness for Jesus / of your faith and the what to say was there through your lips?

The Parable of the Rich Fool ... 13-21

Jesus took this opportunity to give a lesson on what subject?

Think of some of the ways what Jesus speaks against holds true.

What all did the rich fool get wrong?

The point of this parable is what?

Do Not Worry ... 22-34

This topic gets quite a bit of attention throughout Scripture so it must be (finish the thought)

Fitting transition, 'therefore...'

So why do we worry? (different from being concerned or cautious or applying common sense)

What examples does God provide to make His point on the subject?

Good point in verse 25.

What is God not saying with this strong encouragement not to worry?

How and why seek 'His kingdom first'? (outside of the obvious answer)

Remember where our true treasure/wealth is found ... live like we believe this to be true – it is.

See Philippians 3:12-4:1

Watchfulness ... 35-48

What is certain based on this section?

See 2 Peter 3:1-10

Why have 'believers' become callous / indifferent to the encouragement offered here?

Will those who do not know better about Jesus be spared? Why or why not?

Not Peace but Division ... 49-53

Upon a first reading of these words, what is your impression?

See Exodus 34:5-7

Interpreting the Times ... 54- 59

What are the indicators that this world is in decline and temporary?

Now is the time for what?

Something further to think about ...

If something is holding you back from growing in your Jesus relationship, what advice does Jesus give and what advice can you give to someone who is struggling?

How is it difficult to acknowledge Jesus?

Common theme for chapter 12 would be ...

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Luke 13

Repent or Perish ... 1-9

Think about life at the time of Jesus, what was happening in politics, streets, homes, churches, etc. Are our perceptions of that time matching the reality of those times?

What sin is greater or comes with greater consequences than other sins?

See James 2:10 & Romans 6:23

Define Repentance.

What is a natural response which crosses people’s minds when something tragic happens to an individual or in a community?

The point of the fig tree illustration (parable) is ...

See Matthew 18:15-18

A Crippled Woman Healed on the Sabbath ... 10-17

What can we note about this woman?

What were the religious leaders missing which led to such a response to this miracle?

How did Jesus put these leaders in their place?

Instead of repentance, what do we see taking place in the minds of these leaders?

The Parables of the Mustard Seed and the Yeast ... 18-21

Kingdom of God again is referring to what?

How many have studied, given much thought, to how food / plants / trees grow? The point behind the question is ...

Yeast mentioned in a positive way. Just as a little yeast can cause great damage, so a little yeast can lead to big changes. Recall some positive changes you personally have come across or have heard about.

The Narrow Door ... 22-30

What about Jesus’ ministry is similar to our own ministry through this place?

What is implied with the words ‘make every effort’?

Previously looked at 2 Peter 1 ... Keep in mind Hebrews 10:19-25 ... James 1:22

Jesus makes what point with the door illustration?

John 14:6

Finish the thought: It is not enough to ...

Jesus' Sorrow for Jerusalem ... 31-35

What were these Pharisees still missing about Jesus?

Comment on the response Jesus gave to these Pharisees.

How were the people in Jerusalem similar to people today?

See Luke 19:10

Something further to think about ...

If Jesus did not win everyone over to Him and His message of Good News, what does that mean for us in our attempts to win people over to Jesus?

How do we handle conversations with people who want to hold on to multiple pathways to heaven, or that it does not matter what your lifestyle is as long as you are sincere in your earthly relationships and with your Jesus relationship?

How does the note about faith as small as a mustard seed give you hope?

What is this truth not to be an excuse for doing?

See Hebrews 5:11-6:3

See Matthew 6:33