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What a great salvation!

City weekend 2020



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Session 1: how great a salvation

Luke 7:1–23

1. The world Jesus has come to bring

2. He has demonstrated it

3. We can believe it

Questions

What distinguishes the account of Luke from myth or make believe?

What evidence does Luke provide in these chapters that Jesus is 'the one who is to come'?

How does this help you to have confidence in Jesus and his salvation? (Or to put it another way: how does this specifically tackle ways you might lack confidence in Jesus?)

How does this chapter expand your view of who Jesus is and what he has come to do?

Why do you need Jesus?

Session 2: the logic of salvation

Luke 7:18–35

1. Concrete evidence

2. Confident testimony

3. Clear cut division

Questions

Share reflections from both studies ...

How does Jesus' fulfilment of the Old Testament help you to have certainty about who he is and why he came?

Why were those who had been baptised by John ready to 'declare God just'?

Why did the Pharisees and lawyers reject Jesus and what does this tell us about unbelief?

Why is Jesus' generation like children in the playground?

How does it compare to our generation?

Session 3: the heart of salvation

Luke: 7:36–50

1. The scandalised 'saint'.

2. The saved sinner

3. The heart of salvation

Questions

What does Simon's response to Jesus' treatment of the woman teach us about Simon?

How does Luke's emphasis on Simon as 'The Pharisee' help us to see Simon's problem?

Why is Jesus' story in verse 41–42 so apt?

What has the woman seen that Simon hasn't?

In what way does verse 47–50 take us to the heart of the matter?

How does this incident encourage/challenge you?

What will it mean for us to respond like the woman and avoid responding like Simon?

Session 4: growing in salvation

Luke 8 v1–21

1. Widespread proclamation

2. Divine revelation

3. Deliberate decision

Questions

What do these verses teach us about how Jesus' kingdom grows?

What will it involve practically for us to be those who have 'ears to hear'?

What have you found most helpful in what we have learned over the weekend?