

Review of Luke 7:1 - 11:13

Salvation

The eye-witnesses saw Jesus save people

At a distance (7:1-10)

At a funeral (7:11-17)

When human resources have run out (8:22-56)

Jesus is (therefore) the 'one who is to come'

"Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another" (7:19, 20)

"Go and tell John what you have seen and heard" (7:22)

A Case Study in Salvation (7:36-49)

A notorious sinner

Has a debt cancelled

And loves Jesus for it

AROUND TABLES:

Luke wants to give us confidence.

- 1) Which of Jesus' miracles most reinforces your trust in him as Saviour?
- 2) Pick a global crisis news story. How does your knowledge of Jesus' salvation change your perspective on this, compared to people in London who don't know Jesus?

Conflicting Responses

The Repentance Factor

"When all the people heard this, and the tax collectors too, they declared God just, having been baptized with the baptism of John, but the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the purpose of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him" (7:29-30)

The Listening Factor

"He who has ears to hear, let him hear" (8:8)

"As for that in the good soil, they are those who, hearing the word, hold it fast in an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience" (8:15)

"Take care then how you hear..." (8:18)

"My mother and brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it" (8:21)

The Sovereignty Factor

The "Herod - 5000 - Peter" sandwich (9:7-20)

"The kingdom of God has come near" (10:9 **AND** 10:11)

The rejoicing of Jesus in hiding **AND** revealing (10:21-22)

AROUND TABLES:

- 1) What steps can we take to make sure we respond to Jesus correctly in the coming months?
- 2) Think of prominent people of influence (either in your own life or in our culture) whose opposition to the gospel discourages you. How does Luke's analysis help?

Lessons in Discipleship

Discipleship is cross-shaped

“If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me” (9:23)

The motivation atop the mountain (9:27-36)

Discipleship doesn't come naturally

A series of unfortunate events (9:37-50)

But “rejoice that your names are written in heaven” (10:20)

Discipleship entails evangelism, Bible reading and prayer

Evangelism (10:1-16)

Bible reading (10:38-42)

Prayer (11:1-13)

AROUND TABLES:

- 1) Which of Jesus' lessons on discipleship has most affected you? Write it down in your diary (or set an electronic reminder) to look at it 4 weeks' time and remember it
- 2) What will self-denial look like for you during the summer or when on holiday?
- 3) Pray in your groups, using the Lord's Prayer as an outline or structure.