

DAILY READING PLAN



Week of August 29, 2021

Lessons in Luke: The Rich Man

Luke 18:18-30

Day One: Read Matthew 3:2

² *"Repent of your sins and turn to God, for the Kingdom of Heaven is near."*

- When you've heard language like this in the past, where have you located God's Kingdom? Inside or outside you? What difference does it make to locate it on the inside?

Day Two: Read Luke 16:15

¹⁵ *Then he said to them, "You like to appear righteous in public, but God knows your hearts. What this world honors is detestable in the sight of God."*

- What difference does it make that God knows our hearts? How might that bring a more nuanced approach to how we apply the teachings of Jesus to the story of the rich young man, but also to our lives?

Day Three: Read Luke 18:18

¹⁸ *Once a religious leader asked Jesus this question: "Good Teacher, what should I do to inherit eternal life?"*

- When you consider that eternal life is a "here and now" concept for Jesus, how does your thinking about death and dying change?

Day Four: Read Luke 18:21

²¹ *The man replied, "I've obeyed all these commandments since I was young."*

- The young man kept all of the rules. Is it possible to have all of the right actions without the right heart or understanding? Jesus seems to think so. How have you seen that in yourself or in your relationships?

Day Five: Read Luke 18:26-27

²⁶ *Those who heard this said, "Then who in the world can be saved?"* ²⁷ *He replied, "What is impossible for people is possible with God."*

- That change that Jesus encourages us to make often seems impossible. Whether it is giving away things we value or entering into a relationship with someone we don't particularly like, there is some cost to it, but Jesus says it is possible! What is something you feel led to do, but feel is impossible?