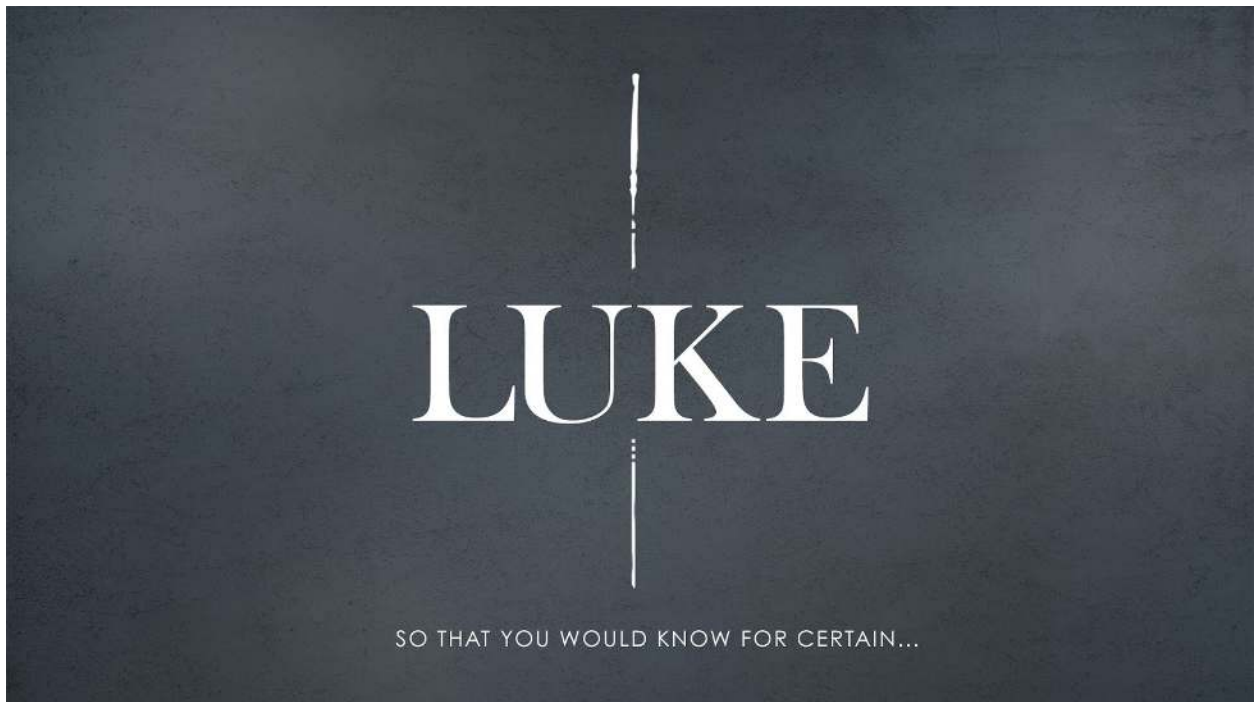


Application Questions

The Gospel of Luke: Judgement & Self-Righteousness Not Welcome

Luke 6:35-49



As Jesus finishes up his sermon on the plain, he extends a warning for those that are particularly thinking well about themselves and poorly of others. The way we view ourselves as recipients of grace and mercy should have a direct effect on the way that we view, treat, and speak to others. When we apply the foundational element of humility in our lives- our walk with Christ will flourish in all seasons.

Read Luke 6:35-49

1. What's a story you can share with the group when someone showed you undeserved mercy (other than Jesus!)
 2. What's the most difficult thing for you about extending mercy to others?
 3. If following Jesus means that we give others the same grace and mercy that we have been given, how do we actually accomplish that when we have the right not to?
 4. Why do you think we are prone to look at the spec in another's eye when we have plenty to fix within ourselves?
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5. One of the points made was that “the only fuel for a judgmental spirit is a self-righteous heart”. If that’s true, how do you continue to fight that within yourself?
 6. Matthew 9:6 says that Jesus had compassion on others. Do you think that he would have compassion on others if he were busy judging them? How do you think you often miss the greatest need in others for the sake of judging them?
 7. Would you be willing to open up a conversation to a close friend this week (or maybe even tonight in small group) where you would ask them to pray about helping you see any specs or planks that might be in your own eye?