Message Outline



A Doctor's Diagnosis of Jesus: Eye Openers in the Exam Room

Luke 11:29-54

Intro: Last few weeks, noticing Jesus' interaction with others...

- Outer sickness vs. Inner sickness...Tax collectors vs. Pharisees.
 - -Both sicknesses ultimately need saving (Lk.5:29-32, Rom.3:10, 21-22).
 - -Jesus takes time with BOTH!

v.29a—Eye opening statement!

- "Generation" used generally: refers to all of humanity (cf. Lk.21:32, Ps.53:2-3, Rom.3:23).
- v.29b—Seeing and believing...
- **v.30**—Jonah's and Jesus' 3 days and nights (cf. Mt.12:39-40)...a "sign" of resurrection.
- v.31—Queen seeking wisdom (cf. 1Kgs.10)...
- **v.32**—Nineveh as sign of wicked repenting (Jonah 3:1-5).
- **v.33-36**—Light, darkness, Jesus' stand, repentance, and inner transformation...
 - Eyes receive light, not make light! Receiving the Light of Jesus (Jn.8:12).
- v.37-41—The cleansing Jesus comes representing isn't merely exterior... v.42-54—Woes for the "religious"...

Eye Openers in Luke 11

- 1) ______ Reality of judgement (v.31-32, Acts 17:31, "woe" used 6x).
- God's judgment not just on externals (v.39-40, 1Sam.16:7).
- Eyes are made to receive the light, not produce light.
- Jesus is the Light!!! (Jn.8:12, 1:1-5)





(Please take time to ponder and pencil in to prep for this week's small group session.)

Read: Acts 24-26

*What do you observe about the early church in Acts?

*What spoke to you this past Sunday (ie. what made you laugh, learn, look deeper at life etc.)? What were your thoughts on the proposed building plan/renovation?

*Compare/contrast the way Jesus interacted with tax collectors/prostitutes from the previous sermons 2 weeks ago to how Jesus interacted with Pharisees/scribes in last weeks sermon. How do they differ and how are they similar?

*What is your reaction to this statement in Luke: "This generation is an evil generation" (v.29)?

*What is the first thing that comes to mind when the topic of judgment comes up? Can you think of any places in the Bible where judgment is a major theme? Can you think of instances judgment is celebrated?

*Which of the series of "woes" in v.37-52 spoken to the Pharisees/scribes do you see as a struggle in yourself? What's your reaction to seeing woe within?

*Are there some areas in life you can see the light of Jesus shining in? Name them.