

Jesus Teaches with Parables

Lesson #21

Luke 11:33-12:12

Parable of the Lamp – Luke 11:33-36

1. We begin this section of Jesus' teaching with a parable that sets up the next teachable moment at a dinner party. From this parable, what is the function of a lamp? (Luke 11:33)
2. What part of the body compares to a lamp? (Luke 11:34)
3. What warning does Jesus give regarding this? (Luke 11:35-36)

A Dinner Invitation – Luke 11:37-54

Background

4. Using 11:37-38:
 - Who invited Jesus to a meal?
 - How was Jesus eating?
 - What surprised Jesus' host?

The Story – Luke 11:37-52

5. During the meal, Jesus used this opportunity to warn the Pharisees that they had lost sight of what God said was important. How did he describe the Pharisees? (Luke 11:39)
6. Jesus then called them "foolish" which is a huge cultural insult. How did he say they would be truly clean? (Luke 11:40 & 41)
7. Jesus continued speaking using a series of "woes" to warn them that unless they change, God will judge them harshly. Why did Jesus pronounce these first three woes on the Pharisees?
 - 11:42

- 11:43
 - 11:44
8. An “expert in the Law” (also known as a Scribe) spoke up saying, “*Teacher, when you say these things, you insult us also* (vs. 45).” Jesus then turned and pronounced three woes upon them. What did he say about these experts in the Law?
- 11:46
 - 11:47-51
 - 11:52
9. What was the result of these warnings? (Luke 11:53 & 54)

Jesus Continues His Teaching – Luke 12:1-12

10. After speaking to the religious leaders, Jesus went outside. What was going on there? (Luke 12:1a)
11. What was Jesus’ opening remark to them? (Luke 12:1b)

Hypocrisy - Luke 12:1b-3

12. What does Jesus say about living a life of hypocrisy? (Luke 12:1b-3)

Fear & Trust - Luke 12:4-7

13. Using 12:4-7:

- Whom does Jesus say not to fear?
- Who is to be feared?
- Why does Jesus say his followers are not to be afraid?

Acknowledging Christ - Luke 12:8-12

14. Why does Jesus say it is important for his followers to acknowledge him before men?

15. The next verse is often quoted and difficult to understand when taken out of context. Jesus said, "*Anyone who blasphemes against the Holy Spirit will not be forgiven (12:10b.)*" To whom was Jesus speaking? (Luke 11:39 & 46)

16. What specifically had they just done? (Luke 11:15, 19 & 20)

17. Do you see a warning for us today?

18. What do you think was the importance of Jesus' teaching his disciples on hypocrisy, fear and trust, and acknowledging him before men? (Luke 12:11-12)