

Gospels Study and Discussion Questions

Lesson Seven: Training of the Disciples, Part 2 – Matthew 18-20; Luke 12, 14, 16, 18

Read Matthew 18:1 – 19:15.

- 1) Who would you identify as the “little ones” of Matthew 18:6, 10, and 14 (consider Matthew 10:42, 18:3, 25:40, 45)?
- 2) List the verses and truths in Matthew 18 that teach us something about the God of these little ones (even where the “little ones” are not mentioned).
- 3) According to the following verses, what qualities do members of the Kingdom of Heaven exhibit and which of these needs the most improvement in your own life?
 - a) 18:1-5?
 - b) 18:6-9?
 - c) 18:10-14?
 - d) 18:15-17?
 - e) 18:18-20?
 - f) 18:21-35?
 - g) 19:1-12?
 - h) 19:13-15?

Read Matthew 19:16-30 with Matthew 8:18-22 and Luke 14:25-33.

- 4) What does Jesus demand of His disciples, according to each set of verses?
 - a) Matthew 19:21 (see Matthew 6:33 and Luke 12:33-34)
 - b) Matthew 8:20 (see Philippians 3:20 and 1 Peter 1:1)
 - c) Matthew 8:22 (see 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 and 2 Corinthians 6:1-2)
 - d) Luke 14:26 (see 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 and Luke 14:31, 33)
- 5) Reread Luke 14:27 with Matthew 16:24-26. What has it cost you to follow Christ?

- 11) Regarding what circumstance or relationship do you need to think differently in order to be the kind of disciple Jesus commends in Matthew 20:26-27?

Read Luke 18:1-8.

- 12) According to Luke 18:6-8, how does the parable in Luke 18:2-5 relate to the subject given in verse 1?

- 13) According to Luke 18:1-8...

- a) For what were Jesus' disciples (verse 7) and the widow in the parable (verse 3) asking?
- b) Whose faithfulness is in question, according to verses 6-8, God's or ours?
- c) What is Jesus telling us about our heavenly Father?

- 14) Read 1 Thessalonians 5:17 and James 5:13a. What prayer have you continued to pray that seems unanswered?

- 15) The passages covered in this lesson emphasize various aspects of discipleship. Luke 14:27 summarizes our role, indicating that we are to carry our "cross" and follow Christ. How do the following passages further your understanding of discipleship and how will you respond (be specific)? Matthew 19:26, Romans 7:18-25a, Philippians 1:6, 2:13, 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, and Hebrews 10:14