



Week 11

Sermon Series: Lessons from the Sinless Savior

Sermon Title: TBA

Sermon Text: Luke 6:43-49

Group Week of: October 01, 2023

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The Text: Luke 6:43-39

Scriptures for Additional Daily Studies	
Day 1	The Heart & Words – Matthew 5:33-37
Day 2	Guarding the Heart – Proverbs 4:20-27
Day 3	Evil Hearts Defile Us – Mark 7:1-23
Day 4	New Hearts – Ezekiel 36:24-32
Day 5	Obedience & Life – James 1:22-25

⁴³ “No good tree bears bad fruit, nor does a bad tree bear good fruit. ⁴⁴ Each tree is recognized by its own fruit. People do not pick figs from thornbushes, or grapes from briars. ⁴⁵ A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in his heart, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in his heart. For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of.

⁴⁶ “Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ and do not do what I say? ⁴⁷ As for everyone who comes to me and hears my words and puts them into practice, I will show you what they are like. ⁴⁸ They are like a man building a house, who dug down deep and laid the foundation on rock. When a flood came, the torrent struck that house but could not shake it, because it was well built. ⁴⁹ But the one who hears my words and does not put them into practice is like a man who built a house on the ground without a foundation. The moment the torrent struck that house, it collapsed and its destruction was complete.”

Textual Questions

- 1) What is (are) the main lesson(s) that you see Jesus teaching in this passage?
- 2) Are Jesus’ words here to help us understand ourselves better or to judge others better?

Discussion Guide Questions

- 1) Case study: Frank has been happily married to his wife for over 25 years. They have had a solid marriage and strong relationship throughout raising kids. Frank says that he is happy and satisfied in his marriage, including sexually. Yet on a recent business trip, Frank was pursued by a female coworker, and committed adultery by sleeping with this coworker. He came home and confessed what had happened to his wife. When she asked him “why?” he said “I don’t know! I don’t have a reason!” He felt satisfied in his marriage and could not figure out what motivated him to cheat on his spouse.

If you were Frank’s friend, how would you help him understand the answer to the “why” question? Can it really be possible that there is “no reason” for what Frank did? Discuss your thoughts as a group.

- 2) When Christians do what is expected of them as Christians (like abstaining from drunkenness, sex outside of marriage, or lying, attending church, tithing, etc.), but they do it because they want to look like a Christian, is this truly good fruit, fruit of poor quality, or thorns? Please be sure to explain your reasoning with your answer.
- 3) Jesus says that our words reveal what treasure is in our hearts. Below, write out the major things you talked about this week, and the percentages they represent of your total speech. What does this tell you about what is in your heart? Talk about the real condition of your heart with your life group.
- 4) If we spend any time really examining our hearts, we can become easily discouraged by the amount of stuff we think about and care about and pursue that is just plain worldly. Below, write out two or three biblical truths with scriptural support to help you bring your heart into alignment with God. Share how these are helpful to you with your life group.
- 5) The concept of building a Christian life on sand versus on the foundation of Christ is easy to understand, but it’s harder to evaluate whether it’s been truly applied in your own life or in the lives of others. In your own words, what is the difference between someone who has built on the foundation of Christ versus someone who has built what *looks* like a Christian life on sand? What reveals the truth about that person’s life?
- 6) One of the saddest things to behold is someone we thought was a Christian getting washed away in the storms of life because they never really had Christ or the gospel at the core of their being. Ask God to reveal whether every part of your heart and worldview has been built on and shaped by the gospel. If there are pieces of you that are still worldly, write those down below, ask God to change the way you believe and think, and share those things with your life group.