

Humble And Thankful Servants

Opening Announcements

Opening Prayer

Q: What is "entitlement"?

Q: What is the ROOT problem with entitlement?

Q: How do we "deal" with it?

READ: Luke 17:7-10 ""Will any one of you who has a servant plowing or keeping sheep say to him when he has come in from the field, 'Come at once and recline at table'? ⁸ Will he not rather say to him, 'Prepare supper for me, and dress properly, and serve me while I eat and drink, and afterward you will eat and drink'? ⁹ Does he thank the servant because he did what was commanded? ¹⁰ So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'"

Q: Jesus uses an example here. What is it?

Q: Why do you think Jesus uses THIS kind of example?

Q: According to verse 10, what does this teach us?

Q: What is our "duty"?

Q: Why is discussion about "duty" problematic in our current understanding of relationship with God, etc?

READ: Luke 17:11-19 "On the way to Jerusalem he was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. ¹² And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance ¹³ and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." ¹⁴ When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. ¹⁵ Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; ¹⁶ and he fell on his face at Jesus' feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? ¹⁸ Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" ¹⁹ And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

Q: What does verse 11 tell us? Why is this interesting?

Q: What do you know about the relationship between Samaria and Galilee?

Q: Why did these 10 "stand at a distance"?

Q: In verse 13, they "lifted up their voices"! What's interesting about what they said? How might they have known this?

Q: In verse 14, Jesus answers them. What does He say? How is this related to His "mercy"? (Hint: Leviticus 13:2-14:32).

Q: According to verse 15, something happened to ONE of the Ten! What's interesting about this simple verse?

Q: What was "this foreigner's" reaction to God's mercy?

Q: What's interesting/significant about verse 17?

POINT: There's a subtle implication here between the Samaritan and the other "nine". They were obedient, but MISSED Messiah! This Samaritan, understood. Perhaps this was because "Samaritans" didn't worship in Jerusalem. They were not considered by the Jews as being able to be apart of God's People because of their mixed race and heritage and religion. And yet, several times, Jesus engages Samaritans in very positive ways.

Q: So...what are some ways that our tradition/thinking can keep us from "seeing" Jesus?

Q: While the "commandment" of the Master is important, how does the heart of this Samaritan instruct us as well?

NOW.....

Q: Is there ANY connection between the idea of the "Master/Servant" teaching in verses 7-10 above AND this encounter? If so...what are they and how does the one, help us understand the other?

HOMEWORK:

- Daily Bible Reading Plan
- Daily Bible Reading Plan Facebook Group