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Luke 15

Tax collectors and sinners came to listen, Pharisees and the scribes grumbled.

Do we listen or grumble? Are we one of the lost of the 3 parables?

Do we want/need judgement or grace? Are we generous with our judgement/grace?

What is the nature of true repentance? Like Jonah do we resent God's graciousness?

Chapter 16

v10 "One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much." Does Jesus have anything to say about the public/private life of politicians/leaders/us?

'Making friends for eternity' – can you bless someone in this way?

Vv14-18 The call to the Kingdom is a call to live the values of the kingdom.

Who might be the Lazarus at your gate?

Chapter 17

Discipleship. v3 Pay attention to yourselves! Thankfulness is a mark of a true disciple.

Ten cleansed, one made well, what made the difference? (See Psalm 30:11,12)

Take a moment to 'Count your blessings', and give thanks to God.

V31ff Outwardly they looked the same, and were doing the same – one was ready one wasn't.

Is there a warning for us here? Check out vv32,33.

Chapter 18

The Son of Man will be revealed. So pray on for justice – for judgement day. Do we care enough about injustice in the world to nag God to 'Come quickly'? (See Rev 6 :9-11)

Will He find faith 'as a mustard seed'?

God blesses the dependent who express their need of Him. Little children are not innocent, they are dependent. Those who exalt themselves will be humbled.

Why is it hard for the rich (Western world?) to enter the Kingdom? What do we really depend on?

Chapter 19

The 'little children' theme contd. Why does salvation come to Zacchaeus' house?

V10 "The Son of Man came to look for the lost and save them."

Those the world despises are loved by God.

If this is God's priority how should it impact our lives and the life of the church?

Are we using our 'minas', many or few, effectively? Maybe I'm just a donkey but the Lord needs me. I wonder if those who let loose the donkey realised they were letting loose history?

The church's true purpose – prayer and worship. Discuss! (Rev 21:22)

I don't know about you, but I've found these chapters incredibly challenging.