

Argyle LifeGroup Study Guide, Luke, part 67, Aug 23, 2020

1. Read Luke 19:11-27

2. Read Luke 19:11. The people were listening to Jesus teach. But listening, hearing and comprehending can be an unusual thing. Many times we hear things, but we don't understand. Sometimes we have "selective hearing" and we only hear what we want to hear. At the end of some difficult teaching, Jesus would say, "Whoever has ears, let them _____."

3. Jesus referring said in verse 10. "For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save the lost." He never said He came to overthrow the Romans. He never said He came to bring social reform. If that was His goal, Jesus would have been a complete _____.

4. They were ready to be set free from Roman rule and for the kingdom of God to be established right away. So they were not interested in the cross. The cross was not part of their plan. But here's the truth. You cannot experience the kingdom without first experiencing the _____.

5. Because the people, including His disciples, did not understand His mission, Jesus told them the parable of the coins.

6. Read Luke 19:12. Our first character in the story is the "nobleman". The nobleman represents Jesus in our story. He was traveling to a foreign country to be made king, just like Jesus will return one day as King.

7. Read Luke 19:13. Our next characters in the story are the ten workers. They represent the disciples and the followers of Jesus.

8. Read Luke 19:15. The first thing the nobleman does when he returns is to ask the workers to give an account of their faithfulness.

9. Read 1 Peter 4:17. The accounting of our faithfulness begins with the followers of Jesus. We are responsible for how we use what God has given to us. We are accountable for our faithfulness to God.

10. Read Luke 19:20-21. The last worker came with excuses for not making a good investment. He said that it was fear that kept him from being faithful. He even tried to use the things he knew about the nobleman as a reason for unfaithfulness. But no excuse is acceptable.

11. We are not responsible for what we don't know, but we are responsible for what we do know. It's not the parts of the Bible that we don't understand is the problem. The problem is the parts of the Bible that we do understand. We are not called to be a Christian sponge and soak up the things of God. We are called to go, to lead, to make a difference.

12. One day, what a joy it will be to hear these words:
Matthew 25:21 (CSB) "Well done, good and faithful servant!"