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SERMON-BASED STUDY

For the week of October 21, 2018

QUICK REVIEW

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

ENGAGE WITH THE MESSAGE

- 1 This weekend we were reminded that the attitude of your heart is important to God. What difference do you see between the heart of the woman and the heart of the pharisee?
- 2 What do you think caused the juxtaposition we see between these two people?
- 3 What fears might each of them have had? What fears do you have when engaging people not like you?

DIGGING DEEPER

- 1 Looking at the passage below and the sermon passage, what do you think brought each of these women to this deep level of love for, and devotion to, Christ?

Would you describe your life as devoted to Christ at this level? Explain.

If you are not devoted at this level, what stops you from being so?

Matt 26:6-13, ESV – ⁶ Now when Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, ⁷ a woman came up to him with an alabaster flask of very expensive ointment, and she poured it on his head as he reclined at table. ⁸ And when the disciples saw it, they were indignant, saying, “Why this waste? ⁹ For this could have been sold for a large sum and given to the poor.” ¹⁰ But Jesus, aware of this, said to them, “Why do you trouble the woman? For she has done a beautiful thing to me. ¹¹ For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. ¹² In pouring this ointment on my body, she has done it to prepare me for burial. ¹³ Truly, I say to you, wherever this gospel is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will also be told in memory of her.”

2 How do you ascribe value to others: through the brilliant lens of God or the darkened lens of human standards? Why do answer this way?

God’s word is clear about how we are to interact with others. Read the following passages and talk through the juxtaposition within your own heart toward others?

Matt 7:1-5, ESV – “Judge not, that you be not judged. ² For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. ³ Why do you see the speck that is in your brother’s eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? ⁴ Or how can you say to your brother, ‘Let me take the speck out of your eye,’ when there is the log in your own eye? ⁵ You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother’s eye. ⁶ “Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you.

Rom 14:13, ESV – ¹³ Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother.

James 4:11-12, ESV – ¹¹ Do not speak evil against one another, brothers. The one who speaks against a brother or judges his brother, speaks evil against the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. ¹² There is only one lawgiver and judge, he who is able to save and to destroy. But who are you to judge your neighbor?

3 Based on the passage below, describe how Christ would have us engage our neighbors?

This Weekend, we learned that we are responsible to love others and to share Jesus with them. What is your next step in taking on this responsibility?

John 13:34-35, ESV – ³⁴ A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. ³⁵ By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 John 4:18-21, ESV – ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen. ²¹ And this commandment we have from him: whoever loves God must also love his brother.

TAKING IT HOME

A right understanding of God results in a right understanding of ourselves which leads to a right understanding of others. Who have you possibly misjudged? As you think through the sermon and this week’s study, what did you learn about Christ’s mercy and compassion towards you and towards others? How does Christ’s compassion compel you to share His love with others?

PRAISES AND PRAYER REQUEST

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FOR FURTHER STUDY

Matthew 5:16
Mark 2:5
Luke 5:20
John 1:5
John 8:12
John 13:34-35
Rom 2:1-3
Eph 4:32
James 2:13-16