

Let's Talk: Day 288-One Story

Jesus' Stories about Money – Dividing the Inheritance & People's Stress about Money

Today's Reading: Luke 12; 1Timothy 6:5-19; Philippians 4:10-19

Philippians 4 has so many great verses to memorize. Pick one out as a family and memorize together. You may want to post it on your fridge, practice at meal or bed times or create actions to go with the verse to help.

Questions:

1. How did Jesus respond to the man who wanted his brother to split the inheritance with him? How would you respond if Jesus asked you to give away all your things?
2. What happened to the rich man in the parable? What does Jesus say should be our attitude about our stuff? Do you think our culture has that attitude? Why or why not?
3. How does God promise to take care of us? Where should we put our attention or what should we seek?
4. What is the root of all kinds of evil? How can we be godly and content?

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Jesus' Teachings on Israel – The Parable of the Fig Tree (i.e. Israel) & Healing a Crippled Woman

Today's Reading: Luke 13:6-35; Mark 11:12-14; Hosea 9:10

Look ahead in the reading of Luke and try to grab some visuals to help describe the story - mustard seed, leavened bread, wide and narrow gates, for example. It might be fun to Google images of each of these things.

Questions:

1. What did Jesus do for the “crooked” woman? Why were the Pharisees angry?
2. How does Jesus describe the kingdom of heaven?
3. What is the difference between the narrow and wide gate? Why do more people choose the wide gate?
4. Why was Jesus sad over the people of Jerusalem? When He looks at our city how do you think He feels?

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Jesus’ Teachings at a Sabbath Meal – The Parable of the Supper, Pride, & Humility

Today’s Reading: Luke 14; Proverbs 11:2; Proverbs 25:6-7

We are accustomed to wanting to choose first and choose the best things for ourselves. Try to go through one whole day putting others first and not picking the best for yourself. Share with your family the results of this experiment.

Questions:

1. What is Jesus trying to teach through where we choose to sit at a wedding? How could you apply this to where you sit at lunch?
2. Who is invited to eat with Jesus according to the parable?
3. What does it take to actually follow Jesus? Are you willing to pay this cost?
4. What does Proverbs 11:2 say about pride versus humility?

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Jesus’ Seeking of the Lost – Seeking for People like Seeking for Sheep, Coins, & a Prodigal Son

Today’s Reading: Luke 15; Jeremiah 50:6; Psalm 119:174-176

Count out 100 items (e.g., pennies, marshmallows, Skittles). Put 99 in a pile and then go hide the remaining one. Have the rest of the family try to find the “one.” Talk about how much Jesus loves the one; He is not content with the pile of 99.

Questions:

1. What does it mean spiritually when the lost coin or sheep is found? How are we like lost sheep?
2. What happens in heaven when the lost person is found? How do you imagine that looks like?
3. What mistake did the younger son make in the parable? What attitude did the father have toward his younger son? How does this picture God the Father and us?
4. What attitude problem did the older son have? Which son do you think you are more like? Why?

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Jesus' Stories about Riches & Wisdom – The Unjust Steward, the Rich Man, & Lazarus

Today's Reading: Luke 16; 1Corinthians 4:1-5; Deuteronomy 15:7-11

The Bible says we are to share what we have and open our hand wide to the poor. As a family, make a meal for a poor family you know, fill some Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes, give to a food pantry, consider sponsoring a child through Compassion International or do something else to help the poor.

Questions:

1. According to Luke 16, what will you be if you are faithful in the little things? In this context, what was the "little things?"
2. What are the "true riches" talked about in this chapter? Are you faithful in the little things? Can God trust you with His true riches?
3. Describe the lives of Lazarus and the rich man. What happened to them both after they died? Who was at peace? How does this give us perspective on eternity?
4. Why is Paul unconcerned with the judgment of man? Who is he concerned with pleasing?

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Jesus' Teachings on Forgiveness – Jesus Teaches on Forgiveness & Heals 10 Lepers

Today's Reading: Luke 17; Proverbs 24:16; Psalms 50:22-23

Take turns as a family and answer these three statements: list one thing you are thankful for from your day; say one thing you are thankful for your family share one hard situation for which you are now thankful.

Questions:

1. What is the attitude of Jesus toward a “servant?” If we are supposed to be servants of God, should we expect to be thanked? Do you have the heart of a servant toward God?
2. What was unique about the one cleansed leper? Are you more like this one or the other nine?
3. How does Jesus describe the kingdom of God? Why might this be confusing to the Jews?
4. How does Jesus describe what it will be like when the Son of Man is revealed?

Let’s Talk: Day 294

Today’s Reading: Weekly day OFF

Weekly Review: Think back on this week’s reading. What story stands out to you and why? As a family, pick a verse from the week to meditate on or memorize.

Ask your family, what did you learn about Jesus this week?