

The Parable & The Warning

Luke 20

The parable: Religion can lead to pride and entitlement.

The warning: You can miss Jesus because of religion.

How did they get Jesus wrong?

- a. They prioritized power and prestige.
- b. They were filled with pride.
- c. They hid their sinfulness behind religious activity.

How do we get Jesus wrong?

- a. We prioritize ourselves.
- b. We emphasize religion over relationship.
- c. We value truth over grace or grace over truth.

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Reading and Study Guide

Bible Reading

- Read Luke 20
Or
- If you want to listen to it you can visit our Facebook page or our Vimeo page - NewStoryKC

Quick Review

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

Personal Study

In the opening lines of the message this week - Jeremy stated: "Don't be surprised when people misuse things." Where have you seen this statement prove to be true?

Because of our propensity to misuse things - we are perpetually in need of correction. Thankfully the Lord has given to us tools for correction. What do the following verses have to say about receiving correction?

Proverbs 12:1 - Whoever loves discipline loves knowledge, but whoever hates correction is stupid.

Proverbs 10:27 - Whoever heeds discipline shows the way to life, but whoever ignores correction leads others astray.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 - All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, **17** so that the servant of God[a] may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

John 16:7-8 - But very truly I tell you, it is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. **8** When he comes, he will prove the world to be in the wrong about sin and righteousness and judgment.

Jeremy mentioned three ways that we can miss Jesus - 1) prioritize ourselves, 2) emphasize religion over relationship, 3) value truth over grace or grace over truth. Of these three, where do you see you have the opportunity to struggle?

Look at the following verses and share some of your observations on the ways that we can miss Jesus.

Philippians 2:3-4 - Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, **4** not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Romans 1:18-23 - The wrath of God is being revealed from heaven against all the godlessness and wickedness of people, who suppress the truth by their wickedness, **19** since what may be known about God is plain to them, because God has made it plain to them. **20** For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse. **21** For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to him, but their thinking became futile and their foolish hearts were darkened. **22** Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools **23** and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images made to look like a mortal human being and birds and animals and reptiles.

"Don't be surprised - you could be drawn away!" This was an important statement Jeremy made in the message. What personal or Biblical stories came to your mind with that statement?

Colossians 3:1-17 prescribe a wonderful plan for making sure that we don't miss Jesus. What steps can we take according to these verses to stay focused on following Jesus?