

IMPACT GROUPS

Week #5: Oct. 15 - Oct. 19, 2019

"The Jesus Trip"

Sermon Date: Oct. 13, 2019

Link to sermon:



<http://www.impactlondon.ca/livestreamarchives/>

Link to weekly reading guide:

<http://www.impactlondon.ca/the-jesus-trip/>

Ice Breaker: Is there one thing that you have lost recently? Did you find it? Are you still looking for it?

Scriptures:

Luke 18:1-8 (NLT)

18 One day Jesus told his disciples a story to show that they should always pray and never give up. 2 "There was a judge in a certain city," he said, "who neither feared God nor cared about people. 3 A widow of that city came to him repeatedly, saying, 'Give me justice in this dispute with my enemy.' 4 The judge ignored her for a while, but finally he said to himself, 'I don't fear God or care about people, 5 but this woman is driving me crazy. I'm going to see that she gets justice, because she is wearing me out with her constant requests!'" 6 Then the Lord said, "Learn a lesson from this unjust judge. 7 Even he rendered a just decision in the end. So don't you think God will surely give justice to his chosen people who cry out to him day and night? Will he keep putting them off? 8 I tell you, he will grant justice to them quickly! But when the Son of Man returns, how many will he find on the earth who have faith?"

Discussion Questions

1. What is a parable? Can you think of any modern day parables that we tell in our culture?
2. What is your favourite parable that Jesus told? Why do you think Jesus used parables?
3. How do we read and understand the parables of Jesus today? What factors do we need to consider when interpreting their meaning?
4. Read Mark 4:13-20. Why do you think that the parable of the sower and the seed is so foundational to helping us understand everything else? What is the one big point in this parable?
5. Read Luke 18:1-8, the parable of the persistent widow. What is the one main message? What does it show us, and more importantly in some cases, what is this parable not saying?
6. In the parable of the Good Samaritan, who was Jesus talking to? What was his message and how did he communicate that message to his intended audience? (See Luke 10:25-29)
7. Read Luke 14:25 and Luke 15:1. What two types of people was Jesus talking to? Was his message and delivery the same?
8. When Jesus spoke to the crowd he spoke about "hating your family, denying yourself, taking up your cross." What do you think he was trying to communicate to them (Luke 14:26-27)?
9. Discuss the parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, lost son. What can we learn and know about Father, Son, and Holy Spirit through these stories of pursuit and recovery? What was the real tragedy in the story of the lost son (Luke 15)?
10. What might it mean to say that 'Sonship trumps Discipleship'?

What's Going on at Impact Church?

- * Wednesday Oct. 16, 7PM. Impact Youth Fear Factor
- * Sunday Oct. 27th - 6pm Hallelujah Party
- * Sunday Nov. 3rd - 6pm Impact Church Young Adults Food & Fun

Email any questions about your readings to: groups@impactlondon.ca