

## Luke's Gospel: Son of Man, Seeker of Men.

### Whose Child Are You?



### Today's Big Question: *What do my actions reveal about my heart?*

Luke 7:28-35 (NKJV): <sup>28</sup> For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

<sup>29</sup> And when all the people heard *Him*, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

<sup>31</sup> And the Lord said, "To what then shall I liken the men of this generation, and what are they like? <sup>32</sup> They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another, saying:

'We played the flute for you,  
And you did not dance;  
We mourned to you,  
And you did not weep.'

<sup>33</sup> For John the Baptist came neither eating bread nor drinking wine, and you say, 'He has a demon.' <sup>34</sup> The Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, 'Look, a glutton and a winebibber, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' <sup>35</sup> But wisdom is justified by all her children."

Let's jump into the message:

### What do your actions reveal about your heart?

1. F\_\_\_\_\_ & H\_\_\_\_\_—God considers me great when my life is full of faithfulness and humility (v. 28).

- Humility is recognizing where your strength and blessings come from.
- Humility makes you great in the sight of God and others.

James 4:10 (NLT); Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor.

Luke 14:11; For whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

God shows favor to the humble. -James 4:6, I Peter 5:5

2. R\_\_\_\_\_—I can't truly turn towards God until I first turn away from that which separates me from God (v. 29).

- The tax collectors agreed with God about John the Baptist while the Pharisees rejected God's plan of salvation.
- If you truly want to walk in wisdom, you will be a person who keeps his/her heart clean before God.

3. P\_\_\_\_\_ & P\_\_\_\_\_—As long as I seek to be the king of my life, I can never embrace Jesus as King (v. 30).

- Why did the Pharisees and lawyers reject God's will? (Matthew 23)

- 1) They loved power too much.
- 2) They found it easier to tell people what to do instead of doing it themselves (Matthew 23:3-4).
- 3) They enjoyed their high position and didn't want to give it up to Jesus.
- 4) They loved the praise of people more than the praise of God (John 12:43).
- 5) They cared more about one's outward appearance than one's inward reality (Matthew 23:25-28).

- What was John's baptism? John's baptism was a baptism of repentance (Acts 19:4).

4. A Critical E\_\_\_\_\_ & A Calloused H\_\_\_\_\_—When I see others through a critical eye and a calloused heart, I will always project my brokenness onto them (v. 31-34).

- The children of this world will resemble the brokenness of this world.
  - i. Jesus gives us an illustration about children in the marketplace:
- This analogy represents the difference between Jesus and John. Jesus came full of life and joy—just like music and joy at a wedding, but the Pharisees did not rejoice. John came full of soberness and seriousness—like people at a funeral service would display—and yet the Pharisees rejected this way too!
- Wisdom is justified by all her children. What in the world does this mean? How one lives his/her life tells whose child you are:
  - Wisdom's children—are characterized by faithfulness & humility, & repentance
  - Worldly children—are characterized by grasping on to pride and position. They view the world through a clouded critical eye and experience the world through a calloused hard heart.

**Jesus' conclusion:** Your actions reveal your heart. The wise will be characterized by wise choices while the foolish will reject the wisdom and the ways of God.

**Question:** *What do your actions reveal about your heart? Whose child are you—Wisdom's child or the World's child?*

**Sermon in a Sentence:** My daily walk reveals the condition of my heart before God and others.

**Make a decision this week?** Please let us know on your Connection Card.

**Preview for next Sunday:** "Love is a verb and a noun!" from Luke 7:36-50.

**Your Notes:**