

One Year Bible – Week 16

Summary: Luke Reading

Jesus tells the three “lost” parables about repentance and the heart of God. He talks of stewardship, sin, and the coming of the Kingdom, and humility.

Summary: Joshua Reading

The Israelites are now in the land of Canaan across the Jordan River. They no longer receive manna and they systematically take over the Promised Land.

Things to Look For and Questions to Ponder as You Read:

- *OT* – Notice the recurring theme of the book of Joshua: “Be strong and courageous. The LORD is with you.” The book of Joshua is a book of God fulfilling his promise. It is no coincidence that God continues to give these affirmations to the Israelites. Why do you think God repeats these affirmations to the Israelites? What does this testimony of Joshua say to you about God and his working in history?
- *OT* – The Psalms are a unique part of the Bible because they are not informative in the sense of instruction or history, rather they are honest emotion. Yet this honest emotion is not simply some random poetry, it is Scripture! The Psalms are part of God’s Holy Word and he included them with purpose for us as readers. Part of the value of reading the Psalms is perspective. In them, we are able to see life as it is and as it should be seen. For instance, the Psalmist says in Psalm 84:10, “Better is one day in your courts than a thousand elsewhere.” We can be told to love and revere God, but in this verse we are shown a little of what that means. What else do you observe God showing you through his word about the perspective of a sincere believer? – *Apr 15*

Small Group Questions:

- 1) *NT* – Do you notice a common theme in the responses of those who found what was lost in each of the three “lost” parables that Jesus tells in Luke 15? If so, what is that theme? What do you think Jesus is trying to communicate as he tells these parables? What in the

passage(s) indicates this? How can we apply Luke 15 in our lives?
– *Apr 12*

- 2) *NT* – Which brother do you, or have you related to more in the Parable of the Lost Son? (Lk 15:11-32) What encouragement would you give to someone who is like the other son? – *Apr 12*
- 3) *NT* – What observations do you make of those who approach Jesus in Luke 17:11-19? What are some words that would describe the response of the one who returned? How would you answer the questions that Jesus asks in verses 17-18? Without saying names, do you know of anyone who is like the nine? The one? What are they like and why do you think they are that way? Which one do you see yourself as most of the time? What could you change in your life to help become like the one who returned more often. – *Apr 15*
- 4) *NT* – The summary of the Parable of the Ten Minas is found in the master’s response in Luke 19:26-27. Who is the one “who has” in verse 26, and by contrast, who is the one who “has nothing?” What is the master (and by default, Jesus) condemning in this parable? How can a person make sure that they live as one who has and not one who has not? – *Apr 18*

Journal the Psalms this week:

David prays and asks God to give him an “undivided heart.” (Ps 86:11b) What do you think David is referring to? Can you relate to David in recognizing a divided heart toward God? Ask God to reveal to you the condition of your heart toward him. Journal about your time of prayer with him and what he shows you about your heart. Humbly ask God to work in your heart that you may revere him more. – *Apr 17*

Reading Schedule:

Jos = Joshua / Lk = Luke / Ps = Psalms / Pr = Proverbs



Apr 12 – Jos 5:1-7:15 / Lk 15:1-32 / Ps 81:1-16 / Pr 13:1
Apr 13 – Jos 7:16-9:2 / Lk 16:1-18 / Ps 82:1-8 / Pr 13:2-3
Apr 14 – Jos 9:3-10:43 / Lk 16:19-17:10 / Ps 83:1-18 / Pr 13:4
Apr 15 – Jos 11:1-12:24 / Lk 17:11-37 / Ps 84:1-12 / Pr 13:5-6
Apr 16 – Jos 13:1-14:15 / Lk 18:1-17 / Ps 85:1-13 / Pr 13:7-8
Apr 17 – Jos 15:1-63 / Lk 18:18-43 / Ps 86:1-17 / Pr 13:9-10
Apr 18 – Jos 16:1-18:28 / Lk 19:1-27 / Ps 87:1-7 / Pr 13:11