

Stop

at Bible Class

Look

at Jesus' Works

Listen

to Jesus' Words



Lesson 11

Jesus Teaches Us About Our Hearts

Theme: Humility—Changing the heart

Memory Verse

“This beginning of His signs Jesus did in Cana of Galilee, and manifested His glory, and His disciples believed in Him.”
John 2:11

Daily Bible Readings

Thursday	Luke 9:46-48, 57-62
Friday	Luke 10:1-11, 16-17, 23-24
Saturday	Luke 10:38-42; 11:1-13
Monday	Luke 11:37-54
Tuesday	Luke 14:7-24

After this lesson you should be able to ...

- Define the word “humble”
- Identify that we are to be humble like children
- Describe what it means to receive Jesus
- Identify excuses for not following and reasons for following Jesus

Jesus talked to some Pharisees about cleaning the outside of a cup or plate while leaving the inside dirty. What if the dishes you use were cleaned this way? Would you like it if your Mom just washed off the outside of the cup and left old milk inside? Some people live this way. They make it appear as if they are serving and obeying God. People who see them might think they follow God. But inside — in their hearts — they really don't care much about God's will. They make people think they are doing right while they are secretly doing wrong. Jesus teaches us that it's what's inside that counts.

Being Great

One day Jesus' disciples were arguing among themselves about who was the greatest. Pretend you can hear them in this imaginary conversation. Peter speaks up first and says, “You fellows are important to Jesus, but you do remember that I walked on the water, don't you?” Andrew replies, “Yes, Peter, but don't forget that I told you about Jesus.” James cuts in to remind everyone that when Jesus called him he left everything behind



Luke 9:46-48, 57-62

Who did Jesus say was “great”?

kings rich people
the one who is least

Which one of the following excuses did people give for waiting to follow Jesus?

finish high school say goodbye to family
bury my father have fun with my friends

— his work, his boat, and his family. Matthew points out that he left his job, too; and on top of that he had a dinner so other tax collectors could meet Jesus.

This talk went on for quite some time, then Jesus joined in. Jesus knew what the men were talking about. He brought a child before them to teach an important lesson. Jesus said we are to humble ourselves and become like a child.

Instead of thinking and talking about how great we are, we are to see our weaknesses and problems and know how little we are before God. When we do this, then we are great in God’s sight.

Receiving Jesus’ Words

Before Jesus visited several cities, He sent others ahead. He chose seventy people, sent them out two by two, and told them to go to cities He would soon visit. If Jesus’ messengers went to a city and people received them, they were to heal the sick and explain the way of God to them. If people did not receive

them, they were to leave and go elsewhere, wiping off the dust of that city from their feet. God would not be pleased with people who did not receive His messengers. Jesus

Luke 10:1-11, 16-17, 23-24

Jesus chose seventy people and sent them out two by two so they could

- a) tell people about the kingdom of God,
- b) rent a place for Jesus to preach, c) fish.

If people rejected the disciples, they were rejecting _____.

If people rejected Jesus, they were rejecting _____.



explained that receiving the messengers was like receiving Jesus Himself. To reject the messengers was the same as rejecting Jesus.

Mary gives us a great example of receiving Jesus. While Martha was busy working around the house and preparing the meal, Mary sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to His words. Martha got a little



Luke 10:38-42; 11:1-13

Mary or Martha?

_____ spent her time serving

_____ spent her time listening

What do we have to do to get God to listen to us?

upset about this and pointed out that Mary was not helping with the work. Jesus told Martha she was too worried about things that

Luke 11:37-54

Matching:

A Pharisee	talked about what was inside
Jesus	didn't like what Jesus said
Scribes & Pharisees	surprised Jesus did not wash his hands



were't really important. It wasn't that Martha was doing something bad, but she wasn't doing the best. Mary made a better choice and Jesus would not tell her to stop. Listening to Jesus' words shapes the inside of us — our hearts — the way they need to be.



Luke 14:7-24

Humble or proud?

Taking the place of honor is _____

Giving someone our place is _____

Which of the following is a good excuse for not reading Jesus' words and following them?

- didn't have enough time
- got sick last night
- had company
- had a lot of homework

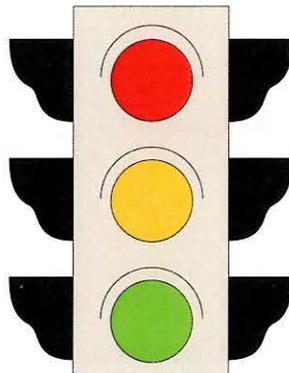
Jesus' Invitation

Jesus told about someone giving a big feast and inviting many people. When the time came for the dinner, people started making excuses about why they weren't coming. These excuses showed that the people weren't really interested in the dinner. The head of the

house told his servants to go into the streets of the city and invite anybody and everybody to come. He wanted his house to be full.

Jesus invites everyone to come to Him and follow Him. Many people make excuses because they don't want to follow Jesus. They want to go their own way and not His way. We all do what we want to do. We figure out a way to do it. If from the inside, in our hearts we want to follow Jesus, we will. When we do, Jesus will help us and God will be pleased.

I do something good only so I can be recognized.



Put an X in the light that best describes you.

Red — all the time

Yellow — sometimes

Green — not very often

SLOW DOWN TO THINK

You and four other students have been chosen to be on the Student Council. There is an assembly at school in your honor. When you go on the stage, there are five chairs — one in the middle and two on each side of the stage. Which one do you choose to sit in? Why?

GO FOR THE BIBLE FACTS

Fill in the blanks of the Beatitudes from Matthew 5:1-10.

“Blessed are the _____ in spirit, for theirs is the _____ of heaven. Blessed are those who _____, for they shall be _____. Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the _____. Blessed are those who _____ and _____ for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the _____, for they shall receive _____. Blessed are the _____ in heart, for they shall see _____. Blessed are the _____, for they shall be called the _____ of God. Blessed are those who have been _____ for the sake of _____, for theirs is the kingdom of _____.” NASB

What is the book of 1 Peter about?

On a map inside the back cover, the city of Caesarea.